

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD  
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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(TRIBUNE Photo.)

**AUTO IS ABANDONED BY GUNMAN AFTER BATTLE WITH FEDERAL AGENTS.**  
Scene near Montrose and Vista terrace as Policeman Harry Schmidt (inside) and George Fabianski examine car abandoned by Verne Miller, desperado, and a woman companion after a gun battle with federal agents last night.

(Story on page 1.)

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# HIT WOMAN-AID OF OUTLAW WHO SHOT WAY OUT

## U.S. Agents Quiz Another, Left Behind by Miller.

One woman led federal detectives to the Chicago hiding place of Verne Miller, dangerous outlaw of Oklahoma and South Dakota, but he shot his way to freedom Wednesday night, and yesterday the detectives were hunting another woman who drove Miller away from the federal trap.

The desperado is wanted as a leader in the massacre of a federal agent, three policemen, and a prisoner in a railway station in Kansas City, Mo., last June. He also is sought as a member of the band that kidnaped Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil millionaire, for a ransom of \$200,000. George "Machine Gun" Kelly, Harvey Bailey, and others are serving terms in Leavenworth prison for this kidnaping. Miller also is wanted as a suspect in the robbery of the Federal Reserve bank mail at Jackson boulevard and LaSalle street and the subsequent murder of Policeman Miles Cunningham on last Sept. 22.

### Sweetheart Watched Here.

Miller had a sweetheart in New York, Miss Vivian Matthews, formerly of Brainerd, Minn. When Miss Matthews came to Chicago she was put under surveillance. She registered at the Sherone apartment hotel, 4423 Sheridan road, under the name of Mrs. C. Hayes. She was frequently visited by a woman friend, Bobbie Moore, said to be the widow of a New York gangster named Jake Harris and otherwise known as Mrs. Williams.

Wednesday night the federal men, who did not ask the assistance of the Chicago police, saw Bobbie Moore enter the hotel carrying a package that apparently contained a man's suit. They decided then that Miller was in the room occupied by Miss Matthews and they made ready to capture him.

They had machine guns trained on the window of the room and were in readiness to shoot him if he attempted to escape that way. They had guards posted all around the building. It was reported yesterday, and then Miller walked from the room. A federal agent is said to have followed him as he walked down the stairs, a machine gun aimed at Miller's back.

### Both Flee on Foot.

Miller reached the street and was aware that he was followed, according to reports yesterday, whereupon he turned and fired. Then he ran to the automobile in which Bobbie Moore was seated at the wheel. She started the car and got away to a good start.

When she ran into a blind street she and Miller jumped out and fled on foot.

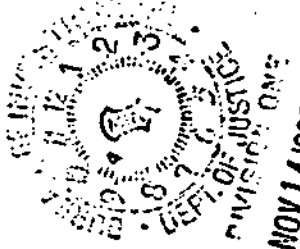
The federal agents who fired at the escaping automobile were unable to say whether the woman and Miller separated or ran together. The automobile was left behind and it was found to have been licensed in the name of Mrs. J. A. Williams.

Mrs. Hilda Polascheck, manager of the hotel, said Mrs. Williams, or Miss Moore, as she was known there, had lived in the building for a year. She described her as being about 34 years old, small and pretty. According to Mrs. Polascheck, she has two children in a boarding school on the north side.

### No Help Asked from Police.

Capt. James Fleming of the Town Hall district, in which the escape of Miller occurred, said the city police had not been asked to help capture the desperado. He did not know of the expected appearance of Miller at the hotel. Yesterday the federal detectives did not ask him to arrest Mrs. Williams or give him any information concerning her. Chief of Detectives Echoemaker said the same.

The conclusion of the police was that the federal men will take up the chase for Mrs. Williams themselves, ready to charge her with aiding a federal fugitive to escape. The police said they had no information from the government on what Miss Matthews had said. Miss Matthews was in the custody of D. O. Smith, who is in temporary charge of the federal bureau of investigation here, and he spent the day questioning her.



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**CHICAGO** Nov. 3 (I.N.S.)—Federal authorities and police today continued their search for Verne C. Miller, Southwestern desperado and affiliate of the Harvey Bailey kidnaping gang. No trace was found of the gangster after he shot his way out of a trap laid by Federal agents here Wednesday night.

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**V. MILLER, GUNMAN,  
 ESCAPES FROM TRAP**  
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**Associate of Bailey and Kelly  
 Flees From Chicago Hotel  
 Amid Rain of Bullets**  
*Nov 23*

Special to The New York Times.  
 CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Vernon C. Miller, who is alleged to have operated the machine-gun with which five men were slain in the Union Station at Kansas City on June 17, shot his way out of a trap closely drawn about him tonight by Federal agents.

Miller was long an associate of Harvey Bailey and George Kelly, who have been sentenced to life imprisonment for kidnapping Charles Urschel.

He was traced several days ago to a north side hotel. And a heavy guard has been kept around the hotel. Tonight seven agents of the Department of Justice and two policemen were waiting to seize the fugitive when he emerged.

An assistant was stationed in the lobby, with instructions to drop a bunch of keys when Miller was about to leave.

It was about 9 P. M. when Miller left his room and walked down into the lobby. The keys were dropped. Instantly the gunman, who was once Sheriff at Huron, S. D., drew a revolver and fired twice at the assistant. He missed, but without waiting dashed for an exit.

Bullets flew from his pistol and from agents and police. A hundred feet east a coupe was waiting. In it was a woman confederate of the fugitive. He leaped in and it moved away to the east, while one of the agents opened fire with a machine gun.

The woman driver steered into a dead-end street and Miller leaped out and fled.

When a police squad found the car abandoned, there was blood on the windshield, indicating that Miller or the woman had been wounded.

Mrs. Miller was found in the hotel after the shooting and arrested.

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## Verne Miller's Death Ordered As Trap Fails

Chicago, Nov. 2 (P).—Verne Miller, former sheriff turned killer, again has made good his boast never to be taken alive.



Verne Miller

Entirely willing that Miller not be given the ignominy of a jail cell, scores of city police and federal operatives hunted him with machine guns to night in underworld resorts and outlying hideaways.

They were under orders to shoot to kill, and police officials declared they would no longer see Miller taken to the morgue as to fail.

Hours of questioning failed to shake the stubborn silence of a young woman found in Miller's hotel room last night after the outlaw had shot his way through a cordon of police, endangering the lives of bystanders and passing motorists.

A woman in an automobile parked at the curb speeded away with the fugitive, who is wanted for a five-man massacre in the Kansas City Union depot, the killing of a Chicago policeman in a messenger robbery, and other killings, kidnappings and robberies.

Miller leaped from the automobile when the woman drove it up a blind street. She wrecked the machine a few minutes later. Both escaped. There were bullet holes in the car and stains that the federal agents said were from blood. A federal agent had fired on it with a machine gun.

The woman captured first was described as Mrs. Miller. Police later expressed uncertainty as to her identity but finally announced she was Mrs. Vivian Matthews, of Brainerd, Minn.

From their three-day vigil at the hotel, a vigil that ended with failure, federal operatives were said to have learned much about Miller's associates in Chicago and to have linked new names with the machinations of George (Machine Gun) Kelly and Harvey Bailey, sentenced to life imprisonment for the Urschel kidnapping at Oklahoma City.

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**TWO NEW YORK MEN—  
 ARE HELD FOR AIDING  
 CHICAGO GANGSTER**

New York, May 4.—(AP)—Two men were held today on charges of conspiracy to harbor Verpa Miller, sought by federal agents in connection with the Kansas City massacre last June in which five persons were slain with a machine gun.

The prisoners gave the names of Abraham Shalt, 34 year old truckman, and Herbert Borenstein, 21 year old employe of Shalt. Both gave Bronx addresses.

Authorities said Shalt admitted he instructed Borenstein to obtain automobile license plates and an operator's certificate under the name of "Frank Glumbeck." He said he did it at the request of a friend.

Federal Agent Thomas H. Clancy said that the license plates were seen Thursday in Chicago on a speeding automobile and that Miller was at the wheel. Clancy said he had information Miller left Brooklyn in the car two weeks ago.

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**Pair Face Hearing  
As Kidnaper Aides**

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (I.N.S.).  
Seized by Federal agents trailing  
Verne Miller, confederate of Har-  
vey Bailey and George "Machine  
Gun" Kelly, two Bronx residents  
today were to be arraigned before  
a United States Commissioner on  
charges of conspiring to aid, abet,  
and shelter a fugitive felon,  
Abraham Chait, 34, a truckman,  
and Herman Bornstein, 21, an em-  
ploye of Chait, were taken by  
government agents and local  
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## Two Men Accused as Outlaw's Friends

NEW YORK—Two alleged friends of Verne Miller, South Dakota desperado, will be arraigned today before a U. S. commissioner. They were said to have admitted obtaining a license for the auto in which Miller escaped Federal agents at Chicago last Wednesday.

A New York license plate on Miller's auto, which the alleged killer and a woman companion abandoned after a running gun battle, led to the arrest of Abraham Chait, Bronx truckman, and Herman Borenstein, one of his employees.

Borenstein, 21, was said to have admitted obtaining the license under the name of Fred Glaumback at Chait's request.

Miller, an associate of Harvey Bailey and George (Machine Gun) Kelly, kidnapers of Charles Urschel, oil man, is sought on a Federal warrant charging five murders. Agents believe he handled the machine gun which mowed down three policemen, a Department of Justice agent and Frank Nash, outside Union Station in Kansas City on June 17.

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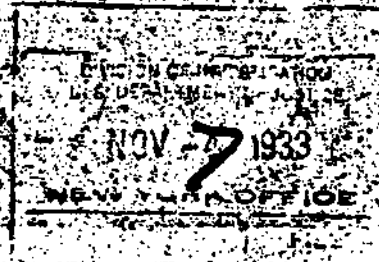
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### HELD FOR CONSPIRACY

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**Bronx Men Accused of Aid-**  
**ing Criminal's Escape.**

Abraham Chait of 1240 Walton avenue, and Herman Borenstein of 439 Manida street, both Bronx addresses, who were arrested yesterday by Federal agents charged with complicity in the escape of Varne Miller, desperado and gangster from a police trap in Chicago last Wednesday, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Francis O'Neill today charged with conspiracy to harbor and conceal a criminal. They are said to have supplied the car and the New York license plates which Miller used in making his escape.

Chait was held in \$12,500 bail and Borenstein, who is understood to have made a confession, in \$1,000 bail for the action of the Federal Grand Jury. Miller is wanted by the Federal authorities for killing five men at the Union Station in Kansas City on June 17 last in an attempt to rescue Frank Nash, a killer and escaped convict, who was being taken back to the Federal Prison at Leavenworth, Kan. Nash was one of the men killed by machine gun fire.



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## TWO ARRESTED AS AIDES OF MASSACRE FUGITIVE

Gotham Truckman and Employee  
Charged With Conspiracy to Har-  
bor Machine Gun Suspect.

By the Associated Press.

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## 2 Held in Shielding Of Killing Suspect

### New York Pair Linked to Massacre Fugitive.

New York, Nov. 5 (AP).—Two men were held here today on charges of conspiracy to harbor Verne Miller, sought by Federal agents in connection with the massacre of five persons with a machine gun in Kansas City last June.

The prisoners said they were Abraham Shait, 34, truckman, and Herman Borenstein, 21, his employee.

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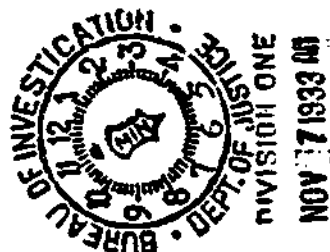
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# **2 Held in New York In Station Massacre**

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (U.S.).

Twenty-one Government agents cooperating with local police today held two men in connection with the Kansas City massacre in which five were shot down. The prisoners are Abraham Chait, 34, a truckman, and Hyman Borenstein, 31. They were charged with conspiracy in aiding Verne Miller, the Dakota sheriff who joined "Machine Gun" Kelly and Harvey Bailey in crime.



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# Fur Sammons Captured in Indiana Town

(Picture on Back Page.)

James (Fur) Sammons, public enemy and gang machine gunner who has been a will-o'-the-wisp to Illinois law for the last nine years, is in the Lake county jail at Crown Point, Ind. Efforts to bring him back to Chicago for trial on an old charge of robbery will be made today.

Sammons was arrested yesterday at Cedar Lake, Ind., for intoxication. He was carrying a pistol and had \$8,200 in his pockets. To the Indiana authorities he declared that he was William Linduska, 42 years old, of Vandalia, Mich. But a suspicion that he was a Chicago hoodlum caused the sheriff of Lake county to send his finger prints here and the identification was made.

Gilbert Sends Jail Guards.

Learning of Sammons' imprisonment, Capt. Daniel Gilbert, chief investigator for the state's attorney, last night ordered three squads armed with machine guns to proceed at once to Crown Point and guard the jail, to make sure that no raid is made to release the prisoner.

It was disclosed that Sammons has been living comfortably in the Lydore hotel in Hammond. He had a young woman companion, who was arrested with him. He has been sought since he forfeited bonds of \$20,000 by failing to appear two months ago for trial in the Cook County Criminal court on a charge of participating in the \$85,000 pay roll robbery at the International Harvester company plant in 1926.

Has Long Criminal Record.

Sammons, who is a little past 40 years old, has a criminal record that dates back to 1899. In 1903 he committed murder during a robbery and was sentenced in 1904 to be hanged. His sentence was commuted in June of that year to life imprisonment at Joliet. In 1923 the life term was commuted by Gov. Small to 40 years and Sammons became eligible to parole. He was paroled in June, 1924.

The next few years were busy ones for Sammons. He was indicted for the Harvester payroll robbery. He was indicted for another robbery in Baltimore, Md. On April 12, 1927, he was sent to Leavenworth federal penitentiary for a whisky theft and served 18 months.

He speedily became involved in



(Same Photo.)

## GANGSTER SEIZED.

James (Fur) Sammons, who is under arrest at Crown Point, Ind.

other crimes and in 1930, after Attorney General Carlstrom had held that his parole of 1924 was illegal, he was sent back to Joliet. But in July 1932, Judge Edward D. Shurtleff at Woodstock ruled in his favor on a writ of habeas corpus and he was released.

Meanwhile the Baltimore authorities tried to get him extradited for trial, but were unsuccessful. Last July he was arrested in Kansas City and both Chicago and Baltimore fought for his custody. Sammons settled the matter by surrendering to Chicago policemen. Eight of them carefully guarded him on his return here. He furnished the \$20,000 bonds, walked out of court free on July 18 and disappeared until yesterday.

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# U.S. AND FOUR STATES FIGHT FOR SAMMONS

## Outlaw Wanted for Wide Range of Crimes.

Four states and the United States government were fighting last night for the privilege of trying James [Fur] Sammons, Chicago public enemy, for an assortment of crimes ranging from attempted bribery to murder. The Indiana authorities, who arrested Sammons for intoxication at Cedar Lake on Monday, refused temporarily to accede to any of the claims for his custody.

There was no doubt in Sammons' mind as to where he wished to be tried. He greeted with a smile Chicago detectives sent to the Lake county jail at Crown Point to get him and announced he would willingly return here to stand trial on an attempted murder charge.

### Chicago Is Turned Down.

But Prosecutor Robert Estill of Lake county refused to permit the Chicago detectives to take Sammons back with them. It was pointed out that Sammons has always had things pretty much his own way in the Chicago courts. Illinois has commuted a death sentence and paroled him from prison on several occasions.

A strong claim for Sammons was put in by State's Attorney Herbert R. O'Connor of Baltimore. Sammons is wanted there for participation in a \$47,000 pay roll robbery in 1926. Willie Niemoth, another Chicago gangster who was Sammons' accomplice in the robbery, is now serving the third year of a ten year sentence in the Maryland penitentiary.

Indiana itself may keep Sammons and prosecute him. The charges placed against him since he was arrested in a roadhouse waving a revolver include assault with intent to kill, carrying a revolver without a permit, carrying concealed weapons, public drunkenness, and statutory charges based upon his acquaintanceship with Mary Mitchell, a 23 year old blonde who was arrested with him.

Bonds on these various charges aggregated \$37,000. A telephone call late yesterday indicated that Sammons has powerful friends backing him. The caller asked the court clerk in Crown Point if a \$35,000 certified check would be accepted as bail. The clerk told the caller to appear in person, but had not done so at a late hour.

Wanted in Wisconsin

The fourth state interested in Sammons is Wisconsin. A wire from the Sheriff at Shawano said that Sammons was wanted there for murder and bank robbery.

Government agents also appeared at the Crown Point jail. They examined the \$3,200 in currency found upon him in an effort to determine if any of it was counterfeit. They also announced that Mann act charges might be placed against the gangster.

Prosecutor Estill said he was convinced that Sammons had played a major part in the crime wave that has swept Indiana recently following the escape of ten convicts from the Michigan City prison. The prosecutor hoped to identify the gangster for bank robbery.

The attempted bribery charge against the prisoner was based upon the testimony of Deputy Sheriff Jack Cook that Sammons tried to give Cook money when the deputy arrested him.

### A Fugitive from Chicago.

Sammons has been a fugitive from Chicago since last September when he forfeited a \$20,000 bond by failing to appear in court for trial on charges of trying to kill three guards who were wounded during an \$85,000 pay roll robbery at the International Harvester company plant in 1926. Sammons already has been tried on the Harvester robbery charge. He was convicted but the Illinois Supreme court reversed the conviction.

It was revealed yesterday that the forfeited \$20,000 bond has not been collected by the state. Two men scheduled the property for the bond. They are Vasilike Alexopoulos, 2154 Montrose avenue, and Nicholas Alex, 2804 Wentworth avenue. Their attorneys made a motion to vacate the judgment in the case and arguments are to be made on the motion Nov. 29 before Judge Philip L. Sullivan. William Carroll, in charge of the bond department of the state's attorney's office, said he would assist efforts to have the forfeiture set aside.

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### INDIANA KEEPS HIM

Although Cook County officials rushed to Crown Point, Ind., yesterday to try to obtain custody of James ("Fur") Sammons, murderer and robber, Indiana officials refused to give him up. Here he is shown with Warden Lewis Baker. Herald and Examiner photo.

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# SHARP REBUFF BY PROSECUTOR JARS IMMUNITY

Police Envoys Had Secret Conference With Gangster in Cell; 'Agreement' Useless

James ("Fur") Sammons, gang killer whom some strange power cloaks with immunity from the law in Chicago, discovered yesterday that his immunity does not extend to Lake County, Indiana.

The killer, who is almost invariably turned loose to resume his thirty-four-year career of crime in Chicago, met Robert G. Estill, Lake County prosecutor. The determined prosecutor told him that this time he will not be returned to Chicago but will face instead one of the many law-enforcement agencies that promise to put Sammons behind the bars and keep him there.

## WILLING TO RETURN.

Sammons was willing to come back to Chicago and the protection of the mysterious forces that set him free to prey on unprotected citizens. He was, in fact, enthusiastic over the idea.

His enthusiasm was manifested after Lieut. Andrew Barry of State's Attorney Courtney's staff and Chief Deputy Bailiff James Z. Gabriel of the Cook County Criminal Court rushed to the Lake County jail at Crown Point and conferred with him—in secret.

The officers emerged from Sammons' cell after this unusual proceeding and announced that the gangster had "agreed" to return with them to Chicago.

But Estill, obviously mystified by the officers' interest in talking with Sammons in private, said: "Oh, no!"

## "FUR" FLIES INTO RAGE.

Sammons then flew into one of the rages that terrify less determined officials, and stormed about his cell for ten minutes.

Estill explained, when the gangster had quieted down:

"Cook County seems to have had difficulty in holding this man.

"His willingness to return to Chicago convinces me that we are right in our belief that he has plenty to answer for in Indiana. We have no intention of letting him go until we have investigated his operations in this state thoroughly."

Estill disclosed that he suspects Sammons of recent Indiana bank robberies. Should the gangster be convicted of bank robbery in Indiana, he could be sent to the penitentiary for life.

# SEIZED WITH SAMMONS



COMPANION OF OUTLAW—Mary Mitchell, 27, of South Bend, arrested with "Fur" Sammons at Cedar Lake, Ind. Her presence in his room may lead to another charge being filed against the gangster, who already faces nine charges.

Indiana authorities decide to turn Sammons over to some of the other agencies seeking him, it was indicated, Maryland may get him. Baltimore has been seeking him for months on a mail robbery charge that sent his partner, William Niemeth, to prison for ten years.

Or Sammons may be surrendered to federal authorities, who want him for half a dozen major crimes, including the Chicago loop mail robbery and subsequent machine gun murder of Policeman Miles Cunningham on September 27.

## RETURN EMPTY-HANDED.

The interest of the Chicago police remained unexplained as they returned without Sammons. His friends were reported raising the \$37,000 bond demanded by Lake County.

It was apparently the same interest that impelled police to rush to Kansas City last summer to bring him back when Sammons was held for the massacre in which five officers were shot to death in the Kansas City Union Station. Sammons was turned loose after that, as he had been turned loose not long before by Judge Edward D. Shurtleff at Woodstock, when Sammons was serving a term in Joliet penitentiary for murder.

It was the same interest, or lack of it, that permitted the demented and vicious gangster to swagger about northern Indiana with a gun and a fortune in his pocket, while authorities here said they were looking for him for fleeing a \$20,000 bond, which, incidentally, has been forfeited but never collected.

The interest of the Chicago officers in bringing Sammons back was the more remarkable since the eight-year-old charges he would face, if ever brought to trial, are admittedly weak. He is accused in the \$30,000 International Harvester robbery of 1924.

More important, Prosecutor Estill says Sammons has been "definitely huffed" with the plot in which ten convicts shot their way out of the Indiana prison at Michigan City September 24.

Sammons was arrested in a beer bar at Cedar Lake, Ind., Sunday night.

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# INDIANA HOLDS "FUR" SAMMONS AS BANK ROBBER

## Refuses to Give Him Up to Illinois.

James [Fur] Sammons, who has enjoyed comparative immunity from Illinois justice, will taste the rigors of Indiana's courts, according to a decision yesterday by Prosecutor Robert G. Estill of Lake county, Ind. The Hoosier state will not release the gangster for trial in other states, the state's attorney announced.

Three states, in addition to Indiana, want the man who is known as a machine gun executioner for the Capone gang. Maryland and Wisconsin asked for him on charges of robbery and murder and Illinois put in a claim based on his complicity in the International Harvester robbery of 1926.

### Will Balk Extradition.

"I think Sammons has played a part in the 33 bank robberies in Indiana in the last year," said Prosecutor Estill.

All pleas for extradition of Sammons to other states will be denied, the state's attorney declared, until the Indiana charges against him are fully investigated. Maryland will be given a preference for the custody of Sammons if Indiana decides not to prosecute him, Mr. Estill said. Sammons is wanted in Maryland on a robbery charge.

"Witnesses will be brought to Crown Point to look at Sammons and if he is identified as a bank robber, he will certainly be held in this state for trial," said State's Attorney Estill. "Chicago has not a chance of getting this man, at least not on the showing it has made to date. It has had him up there for a long time and has never done much to him. It let him go on bond a few months ago after getting him from Kansas City and it is possible that he would be set free again if sent back to Illinois for trial."

### Suspected in Prison Escape.

Prosecutor Estill said he believed Sammons assisted in the escape of

convicts from the state prison at Michigan City.

The state's attorney said that representatives of a number of insurance companies which have been hit by the epidemic of bank holdups in Indiana would view Sammons in the showups. Even if the gangster is not linked with any of these robberies, he will be tried upon the seven charges placed against him when he was arrested on Monday night. These charges include assault with a deadly weapon, carrying concealed weapons, receiving stolen goods, and attempted robbery.

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## CHICAGO WON'T GET SAMMONS, SAYS INDIANA

In event authorities fail to link James ("Fur") Sammons with some of the thirty-three bank robberies in Indiana this year he will be turned over to Baltimore police, prosecutor Robert C. Estill of Lake county, Ind., announced today.

Estill said Baltimore authorities apparently had a good case against the gangster and would get him despite efforts of Cook county authorities to take him to Chicago for trial. Estill said the gangster had a way all his own of beating "raps" in Chicago and he was fearful he'd be turned loose again.

Sammons was still being held in the county jail at Crown Point today, awaiting a showup before victims of some of this year's bank robberies in Indiana. All have been asked to look over the gangster, Estill announced.

Meanwhile Capt. Matt Leach of the state police disclosed that he has dispatched a trooper to the Crown Point jail to arrest the gangster immediately should his attorneys manage to bring about his release on the \$37,000 bonds which have been set on him.

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# INDICT 2 WOMEN IN ESCAPE

Two young women are under federal indictment, it was learned today, for the aid they allegedly furnished Gangster Verne Miller, in escaping under fire from his government pursuers.

Miller is wanted in connection with a Kansas City shooting and also in connection with the Urschell kidnaping case in Oklahoma.

The young women charged with helping him elude government agents who supposed they had him cornered in the Sheron Apartment Hotel, Galt av. and Sheridan road, are Bobbie Moore, otherwise Mrs. J. A. Harris, widow of a New York gangster who was killed two years ago, and Vivian Gibson, otherwise known as Mrs. Vivian Matthews, formerly of Brainerd, Minn.

Bobbie Moore has been held secretly since Tuesday. She has acknowledged to Melvin E. Purvis, local chief of the federal bureau of investigation, that she drove Miller three blocks in her car, after Purvis' men found him in the Gibson woman's apartment in the Sheron Hotel.

She insisted to Purvis, however, that she has not seen Miller since he jumped from her car and escaped in one direction, while she ran in another direction.

Both women are charged with harboring and aiding in the escape of Miller and with conspiracy to do so. Bonds of \$50,000 were set.

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## Verne Miller's Fair Chauffeur in U. S. Custody

Miss Bobbie Moore, who drove an auto bearing Verne Miller, notorious gang killer and kidnaper, out of a federal trap at the Sherone apartments, Galt ave. and Sheridan rd., where he was living, was in federal custody today.

Miss Moore was seized when she went to the U. S. marshal's office to inquire about Mrs. Vivian Mathews, who was arrested in Miller's apartment following the dare-devil escape.

Miller, wanted for his part in the kidnaping of Charles P. Urschel of Oklahoma City, for the Kansas City Union station massacre and for other crimes, is now being sought in New York.

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# **VERNE MILLER'S GIRL CHAUFFEUR IS U. S. PRISONER**

Miss "Bobbie" Moore, the girl who aided Verne Miller, western desperado, to escape from a trap set by division of investigation agents on Sheridan road a week ago, is now in custody. It was learned yesterday at the United States courthouse. She was arrested when she appeared at the United State's marshal's office to inquire after Mrs. Vivian Matthews, who was arrested in Miller's room.

Miller has been sought by the government agents for aiding George (Machine Gun) Kelly and Harvey Kelley, Oklahoma bad men, in the Urschel kidnaping and in the Union plaza machine gun massacre in Kansas City.

Although reported to have been shot when a federal agent fired a machine gun into the rear of the car in which she was driving Miller, it was said she had only a slight wound on one leg which might have been a scratch from falling glass. She is being held with Mrs. Matthews.

Miller fled to New York after his escape here and Abraham Chalt of city is under arrest for harboring him there.

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# INDIANA SEKS LIFE TERM FOR "FUR" SAMMONS

## Will Try Gangster Under Habitual Criminal Act.

(Pictures on Back Page.)

James [Fur] Sammons, Chicago murderer and rapist, will be prosecuted under Indiana's habitual criminal law, it was announced yesterday by Robert G. Estill, Lake county prosecutor. Conviction as a habitual criminal carries a penalty of life imprisonment.

Authorities of Maryland, Illinois, Wisconsin, and the United States government had sought Sammons' custody and Indiana had planned to deliver him up, probably to Maryland, in the event that he could not be identified as a bank robber. Meanwhile a certified copy of the ex-Capone machine gunner's record arrived from Chicago yesterday and Prosecutor Estill determined upon the habitual criminal prosecution.

**Rapist, Murderer, and Robber.**

Sammons' record includes convictions and sentences to the penitentiary on three charges—rape, murder, and robbery. Two felony convictions, with sentences to a penitentiary, are required for prosecution under the Indiana habitual criminal law in conjunction with another offense, Prosecutor Estill explained. This law was upheld two weeks ago by the Indiana Supreme court.

"I shall file affidavits tomorrow charging Sammons with attempted bribery and with being a habitual criminal," said the Lake county prosecutor at Crown Point.

The attempted bribery charge is based upon testimony of Deputy Sheriff Jack Cook that Sammons tried to purchase his freedom when arrested for intoxication at Cedar Lake on Monday. Arrested with him was Miss Mary Mitchell, 22 years old, who was released yesterday for lack of evidence. Bonds totaling \$27,000 have been asked for Sammons.

**Is Sought for Robbery.**

Maryland wants Sammons for participation in a \$47,000 pay roll robbery at Baltimore in 1936. Wisconsin wants him for murder and bank robbery at Shawano. Illinois wants him on a charge of trying to kill three guards in the \$35,000 International Harvester pay roll robbery in 1936. He was acquitted of participating in the robbery despite positive identification.

Sammons has been a fugitive since September, when he forfeited a \$20,000 bond after having some bare bones



**FACES LIFE TERM.**

"Fur" Sammons, gangster, as he appeared after arrest at Crown Point.

(Story on page 2.)

tarly from Kansas City to avoid being taken to Maryland for trial.

In 1903 Sammons was sentenced to hang for murder during a robbery, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. In 1924 the term was commuted to 50 years by Gov. Len Small and he was paroled in 1924. In 1930 he was returned to Joliet prison after Attorney General Carlson had held the parole illegal.

Sammons was released from prison on a writ of habeas corpus issued by Circuit Judge Edward D. Shurtleff at Woodstock in July, 1932. An appeal from this release is now before the Supreme court.

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# Day of Reckoning Creeps Near For Killer, in Frenzied Flight

## Verne Miller, War Hero-Sheriff, on Last Crime Lap

**HURON, S. D., Nov. 10.**—When a bullet or a set of steel bracelets puts an end to the public career of Verne Miller, it will be the last roundup for a boy who never seemed to get going right after he returned in 1919 from the World war.

Next to Pretty Boy Floyd, perhaps the law wants Miller worse than it wants any other gunman. He's sought as the machine gunner in the Kansas City massacre of last June, as a participant in the Urachal kidnaping, and as a gunman in several mail and bank robberies.

Miller's trail has been getting hotter. The law just missed him Nov. 8, when he shot his way out of a trap at an apartment hotel in Chicago. The trail is getting narrower all the time.

Miller came back from France in the spring of 1919 with decorations for valor. His wife, long separated from him, keeps a boarding house here. She insists they were genuine decorations.

He made friends easily, was active in organizing the American Legion post and the Kiwanis club. He was popular, and was elected sheriff on the Republican ticket in 1924.

### Quick on Trigger

HE WAS a good sheriff. A little hard-boiled, perhaps, and a little inclined to shoot first and think afterward.

Con Huntley, the present sheriff here, recalls that Miller twice shot at cars which failed to halt on command after minor traffic violations. In the main, though, Miller was a good sheriff, despite the fears of State's Attorney Charles P. Warren that his quickness on the trigger might get the county into trouble.

After all, Miller had been trained to guns at government expense. He went to the Mexican border in 1916 with a Montana National Guard outfit, and into the World war in July, 1917.

His re-election as sheriff in 1922 was easy. Then suddenly he disappeared. Investigation showed he was short \$2600 on delinquent collections.

### Starts Downward Trail

HE WAS arrested a few weeks later in St. Paul. Brought back, pleaded guilty. He served months of a two-to-10, and came back to Huron.

He couldn't get over his want to shoot and word began to spread.



Returning from the war with medals, Verne Miller made a popular candidate for sheriff. He fired at traffic offenders a little too freely. Caught later in a tax fund shortage, he served a jail term, and on release turned to racketeering. Police identify him as the "trigger man" in the Kansas City Union station massacre, and recently laid a trap out of which he desperately shot his way to precarious freedom.

to slip back that he had some pretty shady associates there. Because he hadn't been able to keep his hands out of the till, Miller had sacrificed an honorable career. Now it was too late.

He had little to sell but his skill with weapons. He passed from the knowledge of the people here who had known him as the sheriff who liked to shoot.

But, meantime, residents on Edgevale Road, a pretty suburban section of Kansas City, had a new neighbor, one V. C. Moore. Moore was a retiring fellow, drove a modest Chevrolet, tended to his own business, liked to play golf.

He kept to himself mostly, and had a pleasant platinum-blond wife and a daughter of 10. The house at 6612 Edgevale road was a little bungalow with white clapboard sides and stone pillars.

**Just Retiring Fellow**  
NOBODY paid much attention to the retiring Moore. Neighbors noticed that there usually were three or four cars parked in front, with out-of-state license plates. They seldom were the same.

Callers came and went frequently, often carrying golf bags and violin cases into the home and out again. There were many late parties, with blaring horns and tinkling glasses. Moore was a good host.

on the porch. Strange! The windows were open, as though the family only had gone downtown for the afternoon. Gradually it became clear that the people at No. 6612 had vanished.

Even when Kansas City reeled under the shock of the news that four peace officers and a convict had been mowed down ruthlessly by machine gun fire in front of the Union Station, Edgevale Road residents never connected it with the golf-playing Moore. Why should they?

### Revealed as Bandit

BUT federal operatives knew more than they did. Tracing a telephone call drew attention to No. 6612. The call had brought information to the golf-playing Moore while he was on the links that Frank Nash, a convict, was being returned to Fort Leavenworth from Hot Springs.

Moore returned from the golf course to the little bungalow on Edgevale road to plan with his "out-of-town guests" the desperate crime to free Nash.

For the golf-playing V. C. Moore was none other than Verne C. Miller, renegade sheriff from South Dakota, machine gunner, and professional criminal. Investigators placed the pieces together. The innocent-looking bungalow on Edgevale Road had been Miller's hideout. The car was the getaway car.

were associates in the professional criminal world.

### Linked With Desperadoes

DEFINITE connections between Miller and George "Mac Gun" Kelly and Harvey Bai were uncovered, especially in a section with the Urachal kidnaping case. Kelly and Bailey at the inside looking out to say that is the best back Miller look forward to.

For besides the Union Post massacre, the Urachal case, a mail robbery in Kansas City September 22, Miller wanted suspicion of being connected with a whole series of bank robberies and the kidnaping of Marshall B. in St. Paul and Charles Koett in Denver.

His sensational escape after being cornered in a Chicago apartment will help him little. Miller fired on the law before wanted machine guns could be used, and escaped in a white roadster driven by a woman. The car, bullet-pierced and abandoned, was found in a Chicago street.

A New York license plate was found in the speedy arrest of a Bronx truckman in New York. The abandoned car was found in a Chicago street.

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## U. S. Indicts 2 Women Who Helped Verne Miller to Escape

Two women who helped Verne Miller, the sheriff who turned bad man, in his escape a week ago from a trap laid by federal agents in Chicago, were named yesterday in a federal indictment charging them with obstructing justice through harboring a fugitive.

The women, Bobbie Moore and Vivian Gibson, are both in custody. They were indicted several days ago, but the indictment was suppressed and was not made public until yesterday. Judge James H. Wilkerson fixed their bonds at \$50,000 each.

### Accuse Him of Many Crimes.

Miller, a former South Dakota sheriff and an ex-convict, is sought for half a dozen major crimes, including the murder of Policeman Miles Cunningham following a federal reserve bank mail robbery in September. He has also been identified as a participant in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil man, for which Miller's associates, George [Machine Gun] Kelly and Harvey Bailey, are now serving life terms in Leavenworth penitentiary, the massacre of four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, in

Kansas City on Jun 17, and a St. Paul robbery in which a policeman was killed.

Federal agents had known for some time that the Gibson woman, who also has used the name of Matthews and is the daughter of a farmer living near Brainerd, Minn., was a sweetheart of Miller. She came to Chicago recently and was traced to the Sherone apartment hotel, 4423 Sheridan road. Agents of the United States department of justice found that Miller was staying there with her.

### Shoots His Way Out.

Agents surrounded the building on the night of Nov. 1, when Miller was known to be there, but Miller shot his way out of the trap and escaped in a car driven by the Moore woman. The Gibson woman was arrested in Miller's room in the hotel. The Moore woman surrendered Monday at the federal building.

She said that she had seen nothing of Miller since they both abandoned their car, torn by the bullets of the agents and police, a few blocks from the hotel. Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the department of justice agents in Chicago, expressed the hope that the Moore woman, at least, would get a long prison term.

"She helped Miller in several previous escapes from law enforcement officers, we are informed," he said.

She is the widow of Jake Harris, a New York gangster who was killed two years ago, and has also used the name of Bobbie Williams about Chicago. Miller has been named in underworld gossip as the man who killed her husband.

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# Optometrist Seized As Aid to Kelly Pal

Orange Man Accused of Har-  
 boring Miller, Desperado

ORANGE, N. J., Nov. 16.—Irwin R. Silvers, optometrist, was arrested at his home here today, charged with harboring Verne C. Miller, described as a Western desperado, a subordinate of George "Machine Gun" Kelly and a former associate of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Oklahoma robber. Silvers was arraigned before United States Commissioner Holland and held in \$10,000 bail.

Miller shot his way out of a Chicago apartment hotel, where Federal agents had located him recently, it was said. He had been posing as an optical goods dealer, and optical goods found among his effects led to Silvers's arrest. He lived with Silvers last summer, it is charged.

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# MAN ACCUSED AS MILLER AID

## Orange Resident Arrested for Conspiracy.

### HELD IN \$10,000 BAIL

#### Seizure Linked to Widespread Search for Desperado.

Irwin R. Silvers, a former Brooklyn optometrist, was arrested today in Orange, N. Y., by agents of the Department of Justice on a charge of conspiring to harbor Verna C. Miller, South Dakota desperado and associate of George (machine gun) Kelly, for whom a nationwide search is being made.

Almost immediately after his arrest Silvers was arraigned before United States Commissioner Holland of Orange and was held in \$10,000 bail. When asked about his connections with Miller he shrugged his shoulders and asked in turn, "what can I say?"

The arrest was made by Agents Thomas H. Tracy and E. A. Soucy at the Silvers home, 41 Cleveland street.

Miller, who has been described as one of the most desperate criminals at large, is alleged to have operated the machine gun which five men were killed outside the Union Station at Kansas City last June. The slaughter resulted from an attempt to free Frank Nash, an Oklahoma train robber and escaped convict who was being taken back to prison. Nash was killed. Three of the others were policemen and one was a Department of Justice agent.

After the Kansas City slayings a warrant was issued for Miller's arrest, and since then Department of Justice agents have been trailing him. The trail has led through the South, and quite recently to Chicago where it appeared for a while that Miller would be captured. He was located in a North Side hotel, which was surrounded by police and other law officials.

When the police attempted to enter the lobby to seize him, Miller opened fire and made his escape in an automobile in which a woman companion was waiting. The car was followed to a dead-end street where Miller and the woman jumped out and again escaped.

An examination of the abandoned car disclosed that it bore New York license plates, and the police here were asked to make a check. They discovered that the license had been issue to Fred Glaumbach who had taken a driver's test in the same car. Further inquiry proved that Glaumbach's real name was Herman Borenstein, 21 years old, of 439 Manis street, the Bronx. He said he had taken out the license to oblige Abraham Chait, 34, of 1240 E. 18th street, the Bronx. Chait is a former convict. He explained that he, in turn, had intended to oblige a friend, but declined to give the friend's name. The police here decided the friend was Miller.

Miller has not been seen or heard of since the Chicago episode, but a woman described by the police as Mrs. E. B. Conner was arrested on Monday in Memphis. The police here said they had reason to believe that she had been in contact with Miller, and that she

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#### GANGSTER FACES LIFE

Criminal Wanted in Baltimore May Be  
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## Any Felony to Jail Sammons for Life

### Indiana Accuses Desperado as "Habitual" Criminal.

Crown Point, Ind., Nov. 10 (AP).—James Sammons, Chicago hoodlum, was charged today with being an habitual criminal. That makes him liable to a life term in the Indiana Penitentiary.

Prosecutor Robert G. Estill cited in court that Sammons, killer and robber now past 50, has been convicted in Chicago of murder, robbery and rape.

Another felony conviction would make him liable to prosecution under the Indiana habitual criminal act. Judge Murray issued an habitual criminal warrant.

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# SHOOTS WAY OUT OF U. S. TRAP



Bullet-riddled automobile in which Verne C. Miller, desperado and pal of George ("Machine Gun") Kelly, fled after shooting his way out of a trap laid by federal agents. The machine, driven by a woman, who was believed wounded, was abandoned.



Verne C. Miller, the escaped gunman.

(The Associated Press.)

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# ARMED SQUADS HUNT MILLER IN DARING ESCAPE

Renegade Sheriff and  
Young Woman Flee  
Federal Trap.

Armed squads of federal agents and police today beat through gangland haunts on the north side in search of Verne Miller, the diminutive, slippery desperado who shot his way out of a carefully laid trap sprung on him last night at the Sherone apartment hotel, 4423 Sheridan road.

But as the morning hours went by not a trace of the outlaw could be found. He seemed to have vanished after running safely through a hail of machine gun bullets in front of the hotel to a waiting motor car and later abandoning the bullet-riddled machine several blocks away.

A young woman, believed to be his sister-in-law, who drove the machine on the successful getaway, also had disappeared without trace. Evidently she had been struck by one or more of the machine gun bullets the lurking federal men sent whizzing after the speeding machine, since bloodstains were found on the driver's seat of the abandoned car.

## Woman in Custody Defiant.

Another woman was seized at the hotel in Miller's apartment, but she remained stubbornly defiant today and no amount of questioning by Acting Chief D. O. Smith of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice could make her reveal any information. She at first was believed to be Miller's wife, but this was later denied.

Miller is a renegade sheriff, formerly of Huron, S. D. When he took his skill and daring with a gun on the other side of the fence he became an associate of George ("Machine Gun") Kelly and Harvey Bailey, who are both doing life sentences for the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire. Miller is credited with having wielded the machine gun in the Kansas City massacre last June.

## Plans Carefully Made.

The trap which failed to hold Miller was the result of months of investigation. For several days, since learning that Miller was a tenant at the

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# ARMED SQUADS HUNT MILLER, YOUNG WOMAN

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quarter of the apartment hotel building, agents have been making their plans.

Last night they posted an informer at the entrance of the hotel. The informer, who knew Miller by sight, was to drop a ring of keys when he saw Miller in the lobby.

Meanwhile, nine agents were deployed about the building, on Sheridan road, in Galt avenue, which runs along one side of the hotel, and in a near-by apartment that overlooks the hotel entrance.

## Fires at Informer.

When Miller came into the lobby the informer dropped the keys. Miller evidently sensed the trap grabbed an automatic pistol from his coat and opened fire on the informer, missing. He then ran to the street as the agents were closing in.

A powerful coupe with a girl at the wheel was standing at the curb in Galt avenue. Miller leaped on the running board and the car sped away as federal agents kept pouring machine-gun slugs into it. The car sped east to Clarendon avenue, south to Montrose, west to Vista terrace, and south to the blind end of the terrace.

Miller leaped out there and escaped through a passageway on foot. The woman doubled the car back to Montrose avenue, abandoned it with a flat tire and also escaped on foot.

The license on the abandoned automobile had been issued to J. A. Williams of the Sheridan road address. The woman driver is believed to have been Bobbie Williams, the relative of Miller. It was learned that she and the woman taken into custody were almost constantly in Miller's room on the first floor of the hotel.

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## WOMAN ARRESTED IN KANSAS CITY KILLINGS

She Is Said to Have Supplied  
Information on Arrest of  
Frank Nash.

By the Associated Press.  
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Federal operatives said Mrs. Conner was the woman who telephoned from Hot Springs, Ark., to Kansas City to give the gangsters the information that resulted in the attack in which four officers and Frank Nash were killed on June 17.

Police said they had hoped they would arrest Ralph Underhill or Verne Miller, alleged to have fired a machine gun in the Kansas City killings, but if either had been in hiding here, they were gone when officers raided a diner club on the outskirts of the city.

The arrest was made at 8:30 a. m. Another woman was taken into custody with Mrs. Conner, but police withheld her name.

Will T. Griffin, Inspector of Police Detectives, said he had obtained information some time ago that Mrs. Conner was hiding here, and wrote J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The house in which Mrs. Conner was taken has been watched for several days.

George (Machine Gun) Kelly was captured here with his wife, Kathryn, Sept. 26.

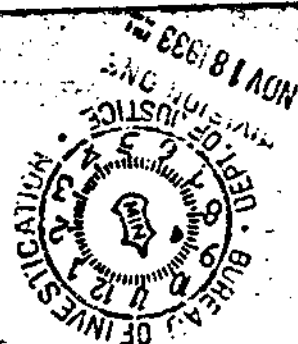
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## WOMAN, ACCUSED IN STATION PLAZA MASSACRE, HELD

### Mrs. E. B. Conner Said to Have Telephoned From Hot Springs.

By United Press.  
MEMPHIS, TENN., Nov. 12.—Mrs. E. B. Conner, accused by federal authorities of telephoning information from Hot Springs, Ark., which led to the massacre of five men at the Union station in Kansas City, was arrested in a raid by federal agents here Monday.

Mrs. Conner and another woman were arrested during a raid planned to trap Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious Oklahoma outlaw.

Federal agents said they believed Floyd had left the house where the women were arrested a few minutes before the arrival of agents of the department of justice and Memphis police.

#### Admits Her Identity.

Mrs. Conner, federal agents said, admitted she was the woman named in an indictment charging her with conspiring to cause the escape of a federal prisoner.

The indictment accuses Mrs. Conner of supplying the information which resulted in the deadly machine gun fire of gangsters that mowed down four police officers and Frank Nash, Oklahoma outlaw, several months ago in Kansas City.

Mrs. Conner was arrested at Lonely Acres Dinner club where police and federal officers converged, hoping to find Floyd hiding. However, when they arrived no men were found.

#### Other Man Nabbed.

The other woman, whose name was withheld, was arrested and held on a blanket charge for investigation. Authorities, in declining to reveal her identity, said she was not connected with the massacre. Both submitted peaceably.

Anticipating a battle with the desperate Floyd, who is said to have bragged "They'll never take me alive," officers armed with machine and riot guns formed a cordon around the building, but found only the women, who were taken to police station and questioned.

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## Woman Faces Trial In Depot Murders

### Memphis Suspect Will Be Moved to Kansas City.

Kansas City, Nov. 13 (AP).—W. L. Vandeventer, United States District Attorney, said today that Mrs. E. B. Conner, arrested at Memphis, Tenn., in connection with the Kansas City Union Station killings last summer, would be brought here for trial.

She is charged in a Federal indictment with conspiracy to aid in the release of Frank Nash, Federal convict, at the Union Station here that led to the slaying of four officers and Nash last June 17.

The district attorney said the woman became implicated in the conspiracy through a telephone call made from her home at Hot Springs, Ark., to Kansas City gangsters.

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The officers raided a club where they had been informed Floyd was staying. No men were found there, but two women were captured.

One of the women, Mrs. E. B. Conner, is wanted in Missouri on charges of supplying the telephone call which resulted in the slaying of Frank Nash, convict, and four officers in front of the union station at Kansas City on June 17.

It was said that Mrs. Nash, the convict's wife, allegedly placed a call from Mrs. Conner's home in Hot Springs, Ark., to Louis Stacci, Chicago gangster, shortly after Nash's arrest. Stacci is now under bond in connection with the Kansas City shootings.

Name of the second woman arrested today was withheld. She was retained on a blanket charge for investigation.

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## WOMAN ARRESTED IN NASH SLAYINGS

Alleged to Have Tipped Off  
Gang, Leading to Kansas  
City Massacre.

By the Associated Press.

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Police said they had hoped they would arrest either Wilbur Underhill or Verne Miller, the Kansas City machine gunner, but if either had been hiding here, they were gone when officers staged their raid on a dinner club on the outskirts of the city.

The arrest was made at 8:30 a.m. (Central standard time). Another woman was taken into custody with Mrs. Connor, but police withheld her name.

Will T. Griffin, inspector of police detectives, said he had obtained information some time ago that Mrs. Connor was hiding here, and wrote J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Griffin said he had hoped either Miller or Underhill would show up here. The house in which Mrs. Connor was taken has been watched several days.

George (Machine Gun) Kelly was captured here with his wife, Kathryn, September 26.

Federal operatives said Mrs. Connor was living at Hot Springs when Nash was captured there and taken back to Kansas City. They accuse her of telephoning gangsters at Kansas City and giving them the exact hour their train was due in Kansas City, together with the train number.

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## U. S. GANG TRAP NABS WOMAN

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 13 (U.S.)—Into a replica of the machine-gun trap that brought the desperado George "Machine Gun" Kelly to the bar of justice a plump 32-year-old red-headed woman, suspect in the Kansas City Union Station massacre walked today. Federal agents and Memphis police, hoping to apprehend Miller and the others in the hideout, closed in on the Lonely Acre dining club but only Mrs. Conner, unruffled and calm, met their machine guns and sawed-off riot weapons.

She is under indictment in Kansas City, charged with being an aide in the conspiracy to release Frank Nash, gangster. Nash and four police officers were slain with bullets from a sub-machine gun outside the portals of the union station there when the plot to liberate the gangster failed.

Federal agents charge that Mrs. Conner's telephone at Hot Springs, Ark., was used when Mrs. Frank Nash allegedly telephoned Louis Stacci, Chicago gangster, to inform him of the officers' movements with Nash.

Detective Chief Will Griffin, leader of today's raid, told news papermen that Mrs. Conner had been under surveillance several days. They believed Miller, Underhill, and possibly "Pretty Boy" Floyd might come to her hideout. A second woman was arrested, but police withheld her name.

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# SLAIN MAN LINKED TO VERNE MILLER

Body Found in Blanket Proves  
to Be That of Ex-Convict Who  
Aided Fugitive Outlaw.

## BROTHER ALREADY SEIZED

Gang Murder Victim Had Been  
Sought as Source of License  
Plates Used by Killer.

Word was received here yesterday from Somers, Conn., that the body of a man found stabbed, strangled and wrapped in a blanket there on Monday had been identified as that of Albert Silverman, ex-convict, bootlegger and gangster.

For two weeks, Silverman, a brother of Dr. Irvyn Silvers, optometrist of Orange, N. J., who was arrested last week by Department of Justice agents on a charge of conspiring to harbor Verne C. Miller, had been sought by the Federal authorities on a similar charge.

Miller, a former South Dakota Sheriff and now a notorious outlaw, is wanted in connection with the machine-gun massacre in front of the Union Station in Kansas City on June 17. He is alleged to have fired the machine gun that mowed down four officers who were taking Frank Nash, Oklahoma mail-train robber back to Leavenworth prison.

### Miller Aided Traced Here.

Trapped recently in a Chicago Hotel, Miller shot his way out and fled in an automobile with a woman companion. A search of Miller's room afterward disclosed a bag full of optical goods, which, when traced, led to the arrest of Dr. Silvers, a well-known business man in Orange. He was charged with having outfitted Miller with the optical goods so that the outlaw could pose as a salesman. He was held in \$10,000 bail.

Meanwhile, New York license plates on the car Miller used in his escape were traced here. It was found that they had been issued to a man giving the name of Fred Glumbeck, but who, the police say, was Herman Borenstein, 31 years old, of 429 Manida Street, the Bronx.

Borenstein is said to have told the police he obtained the plates for his employer, Abraham Chait, 34, a truckman of 1340 Walton Avenue, the Bronx. Chait, an ex-convict, is said to have admitted he acted on behalf of "a friend."

### Motive for Murder Unrevealed.

The friend, Department of Justice agents assert, was Silverman, who served two terms in Sing Sing while Chait was there. Silverman, who previously had been arrested on charges of vagrancy and criminal assault, but had been acquitted each time, was sentenced to from two and a half to five years in Sing Sing for burglary in 1920, and again for six years on a robbery charge in 1924.

Neither Department of Justice agents nor Connecticut authorities would say whether they believed Silverman had been slain to keep from telling what he knew of Miller's movements or for some other cause.

Although his wife and child are said to be living in Brooklyn, Silverman is known to have spent much of his time in Newark since he last left Sing Sing. For several months he lived at a small hotel in Newark and was active in bootlegging and racketeering circles there. The police said he had been a lieutenant of Longy Sullivan, whom they described as "the right bower of Waxy Gordon."

Silverman's body had been stripped of clothing and was wrapped in a blanket. Identification was made from his fingerprints.

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Police had hoped to capture either Charles ("Pretty Boy") Floyd or Verne Miller, the Kansas City machine gunner, but neither was found in the raid on a dinner club.

Police said they believed Mrs. Connor had been in communication with Verne Miller in Chicago and think Miller may have come to Memphis recently.



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## MRS. E. B. CONNER HELD

MEMPHIS POLICE ARREST WOMAN  
INDICTED IN MASSACRE.

Federal Officers Link Her With the  
Plot to Free Frank Nash,  
Which Resulted in the Union  
Station Killings.

(By the Associated Press.)

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The police said they had hoped they would arrest either Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd or Verne Miller, one of the Kansas City machine gunners, but if either had been in hiding here, they were gone when officers raided a dinner club on the outskirts of the city.

ANOTHER WOMAN WITH NIP.

The arrest was made at 9:30 o'clock today. Another woman was taken into custody with Mrs. Conner, but the police withheld her name on the theory she was not involved in the case.

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George (Machine Gun) Kelly was captured here with his wife, Kathryn Kelly, September 28.

It was from the home of Mrs. E. B. Conner at Hot Springs that federal agents alleged the first telephone call was made that resulted in the union station massacre here June 17, in which Frank Nash, escaped convict, and four officers were slaughtered.

THAT WAS MRS. NASH TALKING.

William L. Vandeventer, United States district attorney, said today

that federal agents alleged Mrs. Conner, also known to agents as Louisa Connor, was present when Mrs. Frank Nash allegedly telephoned Lou Stacci, suburban Chicago gangster, and informed him of Nash's arrival at the union station here on the way to the Leavenworth prison.

Richard T. Galatas, Hot Springs gangster, also sought in the union station massacre here, is accused by the government agents of being in the Conner home when the telephone calls were made. Mr. Vandeventer said. The district attorney also said Galatas told Mrs. Nash what to say to Stacci.

Whether Mrs. Conner talked directly to Stacci or others, Mr. Vandeventer did not disclose. Mrs. Conner was indicted by a federal grand jury here for conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with the station plaza slaughter, based on the attempted delivery of Nash.

STACCI ACCUSED IN MASSACRE.

The federal agents alleged that Stacci, after being informed of the capture of Nash, by telephone from Hot Springs, talked to Verne Miller, machine gunner, who rounded up his gang and committed the station plaza slaughter.

Stacci is free on bond on a conspiracy charge for his alleged part in the massacre.

In addition to Mrs. Conner and Stacci, nine others are under indictment in the massacre, all on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice. Miller, Galatas and Whitur Underhill still are sought on the grand jury warrants. Miller is said to have been the leader of the gang of killers.

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### Harvey Bailey.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.  
Influenced by movie melodramas and sensational press stories, the public in general has formed a false picture of the really big gangster type. The popular conception of the public enemy is a man of foreign name and appearance, most likely an Italian, with a loud, brutal, domineering personality, a flashy taste for dress that runs to silk shirts in violent colors and diamond stickpins, and a general air of underworld slickness that would warn any person in his right senses of the danger of dealing with such an individual. In reality, the man of that type is much more likely to be the cheap racketeer, or at best the "front" for some more subtle and intelligent criminal.

As a case in point, take Harvey Bailey, who is now safe in the hands of the Federal Government. He is anything but the flashy type of gangster. It has been said of him that he has much more the appearance of a bank president than of a bank robber, and his manner helps to carry out the illusion. His photographs show a face that betrays none of the familiar criminal characteristics. The head is well-shaped, the chin square and strong, the forehead wide. The eyes are set well apart, and have neither the lack-lustre nor the shifty appearance that is so frequently seen in rogues' gallery photographs. Bailey is a tall man, well-built, and his clothes are of sober cut and pattern. His name is straight Anglo-Saxon, and though little is known of his background and early history, he is thought to have been born on a farm in Sullivan County, Mo., where his mother still lives.

Such is the man who blazed a trail of crime across the Middle West, and escaped for years without punishment. He is charged with participation in four of the most notorious episodes in American crime history: The brutal St. Valentine's Day massacre which took place in Chicago in 1929, in which a group of men were lined up against a wall and murdered in cold blood; the Union Station massacre in Kansas City last June, which resulted in the death of five men; the \$2,000,000 robbery of the Lincoln Bank & Trust Co. at Lincoln, Nebr., the largest bank robbery in history; and the Urschel kidnaping case, which finally involved him with the forces of the new Federal kidnaping bureau and resulted in his arrest and conviction. Such is the man whom even an experienced criminologist probably would not pick as a criminal type and whom the ordinary layman would take for a solidly respectable citizen.

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**THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1933.**

**A DENIAL BY MRS. CONNOR.**

**Woman Held in Station Massacre  
 to Be Given Hearing Friday.**

*(By the Associated Press.)*

MEMPHIS, Nov. 14.—Arraigned here today on an indictment charging conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with the union station slayings at Kansas City, Mrs. E. B. Connor pleaded not guilty.

A United States commissioner set for Friday a hearing on the government's request that she be ordered removed to Kansas City for trial.

Mrs. Connor was arrested here yesterday. Federal authorities charge that it was at her Hot Springs, Ark., home that telephone calls were made that resulted in the slaying of four officers and Frank Nash in an effort of gangster associates to free the latter.

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Attorney General Cummings tonight he had asked Somerset County authorities to arrest nine men on charges of participating in the lynching of George Armwood, negro, at Princess Anne on October 18.

## N. J. Doctor Jailed As Kidnaper's Aide

Accused of having conspired to harbor Verne C. Miller, one of "Machine Gun" Kelly's gang of kidnappers, and described by Federal agents as "the most dangerous criminal at large in the country," Dr. Irwin R. Silvers, optometrist, was arrested yesterday and held in \$10,000 bail.

Dr. Irwin R. Silvers, formerly of Brooklyn, was arrested in his home at 61 Cleveland st., Orange, where he lives with his wife and child. The Government charges that on last Aug. 12, "with one John Doe," he plotted to hide Miller.

Miller recently shot his way to liberty through a score of Federal agents and police who had him surrounded in a hotel, seeking him as one of the Kelly gang that machine-gunned five men to death in the Union Station, Kansas City, last June 17.

Dr. Silvers was released on bail supplied a surety company.

When Miller escaped from Chicago agents found lenses and other optical supplies in his room. Police said the supplies were traced to Dr. Silvers.

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## Silvers Didn't Know Gunman, Says Brother

Orange Physician, Charged With Aiding Desperado, Released on Bail



Dr. Irwin H. Silvers, Orange optometrist, was arrested yesterday by Department of Justice agents on a charge of conspiring to harbor Verne C. Miller, Western desperado and pal of George (Machine Gun) Kelly. He was held in \$10,000 bail when arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Holland. (Ledger Photo)

A case of mistaken identity, which will soon be cleared up, was what his brother, Murray, termed the arrest of Dr. Irwin Silvers, Orange optometrist, yesterday on a charge of aiding Verne Miller, long-sought desperado.

Calling the charges of Secret Service men that Dr. Silvers met Miller last August in his optical shop at 237 Main street, Orange, and furnished him with lenses, stationery and cards to disguise the ex-convict as a travelling salesman, "ridiculous," Murray Silvers pointed out that an optical shop of the size operated by himself and his doctor-brother would not employ a travelling salesman.

George Kesselhaut, the Orange optometrist's attorney, also said last night that new developments in the case will clear his client before the next hearing before U. S. Commissioner Joseph F. Holland next Friday. Assistant U. S. Attorney Petrie sought bail of \$25,000 for Dr. Silvers, but Commissioner Holland set bail at \$10,000 after Kesselhaut pointed out that the optometrist lives quietly with his wife and child at 61 Cleveland street, Orange, and has an excellent reputation.

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## VERNE MILLER SEARCH CLOSE

Trigger Man Being  
Hunted in Eastern  
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Federal agents of the department of justice today renewed their search for Verne Miller, former South Dakota sheriff and Charles "Preppy" Floyd, known prison gangster in eastern Arkansas.

The government's nation-wide manhunt shifted to Memphis and eastern Arkansas as J. Edgar Hoover head of the bureau of investigation at Washington sent investigators here to investigate the attempt on the life of one of his agents and reported plot to free a federal prisoner.

With Floyd and Miller reported in eastern Arkansas recently, Memphis detectives and federal agents have doubled their efforts to track them down.

### Optometrist Arrested

ORANGE, N. J. — (UP) — Federal agents today arrested Dr. Irwin R. Silvers, optometrist, on charges of harboring Verne C. Miller, one of the most dangerous criminals at large in the country.

Miller, a member of the notorious outlaw gang of George "Machine Gun" Kelly is hunted in the south as the "trigger man" in the massacre of five men in the Union station in Kansas City on June 17.

Optical supplies found in the hide-out of Miller in Chicago led to the arrest of Silvers. The supplies were tracked back to Silvers according to federal agents who said that Miller was in Chicago as a salesman of optical goods.

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## Nab N. J. Man In Plot to Aid Verne Miller

### Orange Optometrist Charged with Conspiracy to Har- bor Fugitive

Irwin R. Silvers, a young optometrist who has lived at 81 Cleveland street, Orange, with his wife and child for four years, found himself clapped into jail under heavy bail today, charged with conspiracy to harbor a notorious fugitive from justice.

The fugitive is Verne C. Miller, associate of George (Machine Gun) Kelly and Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, sought by federal agents throughout the United States for his part in the Kansas City Union Station massacre last June.

According to Department of Justice agents who arrested Silvers last night, Miller, considered one of the most desperate criminals at large in this country, was in Essex County last August in his zig-zag flight from agents who sought him as one of the machine gunners who took five lives in the Kansas City ambush.

Silvers is charged with conspiring with one John Doe, a go-between, to fit Miller out as an optical goods salesman so he could escape detection in his travels.

#### Pics for Lower Bail Fails

Silvers has lived, since he came from Brooklyn four years ago, in an apartment at the Cleveland street address. His office is at 227 Main street, that city. A jaunty, well-dressed young man, still in his thirties, he appeared before United States Commissioner Joseph F. Holland and was held in \$10,000 bail for a hearing November 24.

He kept his head down and his eyes on the floor, answering all questions with, "Nothing to say. Ask my lawyer."

The lawyer, George Kesselhaut, asked that bail be set at \$25,000 but was rebuffed by the commissioner.

This precedent, as the commissioner said, has been set in the case of Miller.

Chicago November 15.—Federal Department of Justice agents as they were about to close in on Miller, who has since been followed through Memphis, Tenn., and escaped from there Monday a few minutes before agents arrested him. (Continued on 41 page, 2nd column.)

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## Silvers

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Connor as an accomplice in the Kansas City massacre.

At the end of October agents had traced Miller and a woman to the Sheridan Road Apartment Hotel in Chicago, where they had registered as Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes. Officers replaced filling station attendants across the street from the hotel, others rented a room near Miller's and still more kept watch from an apartment window across the street.

A woman drove up to the hotel in a roadster November 1. Miller suddenly appeared on a fire escape and was greeted by a volley of shots.

### Optical Goods Sales Outfit Found

Returning the fire, he fled back into the building, dashed for the main door, crossed the sidewalk under a shower of lead, entered the roadster and escaped. The car was found later.

Among the effects Miller abandoned in the hotel, agents found the complete equipment of an optical goods salesman, including calling cards and letter heads. These, they said, they traced to

Silvers in Orange. Federal Agents Thomas E. Tracy and E. A. Souers went to Orange, from New York last night and made the arrest. Silvers spent the night in Newark police headquarters.

The federal men had communicated with Special Agents Wachenfeld and Acting Lieutenant Thomas Dimond, of Wachenfeld's staff, who accompanied them last night.

According to Tracy, Miller went to a Newarker when he was here last August and asked help in keeping out of federal hands. This Newarker, whom the agents have been unable to find and whom they call John Doe, took Miller to Silvers, Tracy said.

Silvers, the agent charged, agreed to fit Miller out as a salesman and supplied him with sets of lenses, glass grinding apparatus and stationery and calling cards bearing the name Stephen J. Gross Jr. Miller left later by automobile, Tracy said.

Miller once served as a deputy sheriff in South Dakota. He went to prison for embezzlement of public funds in 1923 and it is charged he has been connected with criminal activities ever since. He is 37 and uses interchangeably the first names Verne, Vernon and Vincent and the surnames Miller, Moore and Marlin.

The Kansas City affair June 17 was an abortive attempt to free Frank Nash, Oklahoma mail train robber, who was being taken to Leavenworth Federal Prison. As Nash was being placed in an automobile at the station machine gunners poured a hail of bullets into the party, killing Nash. Federal Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, City Detective W. J. Groome and Frank Harman and Chief of Police Otto Reed of McAlester, Okla.

The gang of killers, which escaped, was said by police to include such notorious desperadoes as Harvey Bailey, Kelly, Floyd and others, besides Miller, the gang that has been convicted of the Urachel kidnaping. The Mrs. Connor arrested Monday was charged with tipping off the gang to the arrival of the Nash party at the station.

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## SUSPECT HELD

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from automatic revolvers. He successfully ran the gauntlet of police fire and jumped into the machine. Miss Moore was wounded as she drove away making good their escape. The car was found abandoned later. The agents took Miller's wife into custody.

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THREE CENTS

# U. S. TRAPS GANG AID SUSPECT HERE

**Suspect Seized by Federals as Aide  
Of Verne Miller, Nation's No. 1  
Criminal and Kelly Pal**

**HIDING MASSACRE SLAYER CHARGED**

**Traced to Residence in Orange Through  
Evidence Found in Chicago Apartment  
After Desperado Shoots Way Out**

Department of Justice agents following the bullet-splattered trail of Verne C. Miller, Western desperado and pal of George (Machine Gun) Kelly, who has been labeled "the most dangerous criminal at large in the country," today effected the arrest and arraignment of Dr. Irwin H. Silvers, quiet, respectable optometrist of Orange, charging him with harboring the killer in

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## HIDING MASSACRE SLAYERS

Traced to Residence in Draper, Mo.  
Evidence Found in Chicago Apartment  
After Desperado Shoots Way Out

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Department of Justice agents following the better known trail of Verne C. Miller, Western desperado and pal of George (Machine Gun) Kelly, who has been labeled "the most dangerous criminal at large in the country," today traced the arrest and arraignment of Dr. Irwin H. Silvers, quiet respectable industrialist of Orange, charging him with harboring the killer.

Dr. Silvers was held in \$10,000 bail when arrested by U. S. Commissioner Holland on a complaint charging him with harboring Miller. He was taken to the Federal House of Detention in Chicago for arraignment. The doctor, 45, was a resident of Chicago for about a year and had been in the city since he fled from the desperado and his pal, George Kelly, after the shooting of the Kansas City police officers.

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The doctor, 45, was a resident of Chicago for about a year and had been in the city since he fled from the desperado and his pal, George Kelly, after the shooting of the Kansas City police officers.

Agents of the Bureau traced Miller to a rooming house in Chicago where he had been hiding for two weeks.

Miller had been masquerading as a salesman of optical goods, the agents said, and to his flight left him and his pal, George Kelly, in the hands of the law.

Through the manufacturer they said, they traced them to Dr. Silvers.

When asked if he had anything to say regarding the charges, Dr. Silvers shrugged and replied: "What can I say?"

Miller, a South Dakota Black Hills sheriff turned bad, is wanted for the massacre of five men at Kansas City June 17 during an attempt to rescue Frank Nash, another desperado, from authorities. In a burst of machine gun and revolver fire Nash was killed as well as Federal Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, Police Chief Otto Reed of McAlester, Okla., and Policemen William J. Groome and Frank G. Hermann of Kansas City.

Besides being a member of the "Machine Gun" Kelly gang of bank robbers, Miller also is known as an associate of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, notorious Oklahoma outlaw, and Wilbur Underhill, who broke out of Kansas penitentiary to create a reign of terror with other convicts in the Southwest. Miller is termed as far more dangerous than either of these desperados. He has been called the nation's "Public Enemy No. 1."

Federal agents were close on his trail in Chicago and laid careful plans to trap him there. Government men replaced attendants at a filling station across the street from the hotel, others rented a room near one occupied by him and his wife, and still others maintained a watch with machine guns from windows across the street.

WARNED BY TRAP

The agents prepared to spring their trap November 1. Miller had been warned, however, a cream-colored roadster driven by a Miss Bobby Moore drove up in front of the hotel and Miller started to go down a fire escape to her. A volley of bullets from the agents' guns turned him back and he ran from the hotel and out the back entrance.

Into the street Miller fired a shot which wounded a police officer.

He was then shot by a police officer and taken to the hospital.

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# AVERT ALLEGED PLOT TO FREE TIP-OFF GIRL

3. Sees Gangster Fingers  
In Attempt to "Get" Agent

## STRANGE PHONE EPISODE

Lou Conner Allowed to Talk to  
Unknown Friend Over Tele-  
phone Prior to Agent Turrou  
Being Crowded Off Highway

A gangland plot to release Mrs.  
E. B. Conner, alleged tip-off girl  
in the Kansas City massacre, was  
narrowly averted after her arraignment  
before Commissioner Bruner.

This episode was advanced by  
officers yesterday after the at-  
tempt of three gangsters in a large  
sedan to "rub out" L. G. Turrou,  
U. S. Department of Justice agent,  
by crowding him off the highway  
from a high embankment near Truman,  
Ark., late Tuesday.

Mr. Turrou, investigator assigned  
to the Kansas City massacre, is in  
St. Bernard's Hospital at Jones-  
boro with an injured lung, possible  
fractured ribs, injured left eye, cuts  
on his face and probable internal  
injuries, but physicians said he  
would recover.

Grilled Mrs. Conner  
Mr. Turrou arrived in Memphis  
Tuesday from Kansas City for  
three hours last day he grilled  
Mrs. Conner.

Later he started on a secret mis-  
sion presumably for Knobel, Ark.,  
where Mrs. Conner lived for many  
years and where she now has re-  
latives.

Mr. Turrou was traveling in a  
Chevrolet coupe, a rent-a-car. Af-  
ter hearing Turrou, he observed a  
large car following him and at-  
tempted to lose it. The big car  
caught up with him and between  
Truman and Marked Tree it sped  
by, forcing Mr. Turrou's car off the  
highway and down a 15-foot em-  
bankment. The larger car contin-  
ued on towards Jonesboro. Turrou's  
car overturned twice.

"I couldn't tell whether it was  
a Buick or a Cadillac," Mr. Turrou  
said last night. "The car was a  
new one and two men were in the  
front seat. The first two numbers  
on the license plate were 21 but  
things blurred and I couldn't see  
the other numbers. It was a de-  
liberate attempt to take my life."

Mr. Turrou brought with him  
a certified copy of the indictment  
against Mrs. Conner and 10 others  
for conspiracy to free Frank Nash,  
who was killed with four of-  
ficers in the massacre on June 11,  
and to conceal Nash.

Although Turrou would not say,  
Jonesboro officers believe that he  
had been sent into their section to  
investigate the tip-off girl Miller,  
notorious gangster caught in the  
Kansas City massacre, was in hid-  
ing. Last Sunday morning Jones-  
boro officers waited for a car re-  
ported to contain Miller and two  
companions.

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at Hoxie, near Jonesboro, and then  
disappeared.

After her hearing Tuesday and  
before Turrou had left Memphis,  
Mrs. Conner asked that she be tak-  
en to the Lonely Acres Dinner Club  
at 220 LeClerc, where she had been  
arrested, to obtain her clothes. De-  
partment of Justice agents refused  
to consent to this, saying that she  
was in the custody of the U. S.  
marshal.

Begged To Go Home

Mrs. Conner then pleaded with  
Deputy U. S. Marshals Elman Jes-  
ser and Jesse Berg, who had her  
in custody, to be taken to the club  
for her clothes. They at first  
agreed but later decided to return  
Mrs. Conner to the county jail and  
go by themselves to obtain the  
clothes.

On the way to the county jail  
Mrs. Conner insisted that she be  
taken to the club, saying that she  
had money hidden there and giving  
other reasons why she would  
have to visit the club. The officers,  
however, refused and returned her  
directly to the jail.

At the jail she telephoned the  
club and addressed a party there  
as "Frank."

"They won't let me come out  
there, Frank," she said. "I've  
begged and begged but they won't  
do it."

The bureau redhead then de-  
scribed the clothes which she  
wished packed for her, saying she  
was going on a "week-end trip."

"They've set my bond at \$50,  
000," she concluded. "I haven't got  
that much in my purse. Bring some  
money with you."

This call was made shortly after  
3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and  
Turrou left Memphis at 4 o'clock.  
Local officers believe that confed-  
erates of Mrs. Conner and her  
gangland associates were waiting  
at the club for her appearance to  
attempt to release her, and that  
they later followed Turrou to Ar-  
kansas in the belief that Mrs. Con-  
ner was with him, crowding him  
from the road after they discovered  
he was alone.

The Department of Justice is de-  
termined to "press to the utmost  
its investigation of this attempt,"  
J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Di-  
vision of Investigation, said yes-  
terday in Associated Press dis-  
patches from Washington.

The investigation, Hoover said,  
will be made "to determine just  
how the event happened and to  
learn the identity of the person or  
persons in the car reported to have  
run Turrou's car off the high-  
way."

Turrou was a close friend of

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Foster  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Hughes  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Drake

## APPEAL, MEMPHIS

Raymond J. Caffrey, Department  
of Justice agent who was among  
those killed in the attempt of gan-  
ster friends to free Frank Nash  
at the Union Station at Kansas  
City. He is said to have been with  
the agents who captured Harvey  
Bailey and others implicated in the  
Urechel kidnapping near Pasadena,  
Texas.

Mrs. Conner was arrested in a  
heavily armed raid by police of-  
ficers and federal agents Monday  
morning in which the capture of  
Pretty Boy Floyd, Miller, William  
Underhill or other notorious gan-  
sters was contemplated. She plead-  
ed "not guilty" to the conspiracy  
charges before Commissioner Bruner  
Tuesday afternoon and was  
sent to jail in default of \$50,000  
bond.

A removal hearing for Mrs. Con-  
ner, at first set for tomorrow af-  
ternoon, was yesterday postponed  
until 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon  
because of the illness of U. S. Dis-  
trict Attorney McClanahan who is  
suffering from a severe cold and  
throat infection.

R. E. Peterson, resident Depart-  
ment of Justice agent here, and  
other agents were in Arkansas yes-  
terday investigating the attempt  
on Turrou's life.

After the crash of Turrou's car,  
the gangster car speeded away.  
Turrou was picked up by two trav-  
eling salesmen who found him un-  
derneath the wrecked automobile.  
The investigator received several  
fractured ribs, a lung injury and  
cuts and bruises.

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# **SAMMONS TO ASK TRIAL BE MOVED TO SOUTH INDIANA**

James [Fur] Sammons, rapist and murderer, will ask for a change of venue, it was learned yesterday, when he is arraigned today before Judge William J. Murray in Crown Point, Ind. Sammon's attorneys will assert that the people of Lake county, Indiana, have become prejudiced against the well known gangster because of the publicity given Sammons' arrest in a Cedar Lake, Ind., roadhouse two weeks ago.

Indiana had planned to try Sammons under the habitual criminal act. If convicted, he would be imprisoned for life. If a change of venue is granted, there will probably be another delay before Sammons is put on trial. His lawyers asked that he be tried in another Indiana county, preferably a southern county.

State's Attorney Robert G. Estill announced that Sammons would first be tried on a charge of attempted bribery. Deputy Sheriff John Cook is ready to testify that Sammons offered him \$200 not to arrest him in the roadhouse. If successful in convicting the gangster of this offense, the prosecutor would then offer evidence that Sammons had previously been convicted of two felonies, those of rape and murder.

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| Mr. Nease.....      |
| Mr. Locke.....      |
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## **SAMMONS DENIED VENUE CHANGE; TO TRIAL MONDAY**

James [Fur] Sammons, Chicago murderer and rapist, was refused a change of venue yesterday and his trial on a charge of attempted bribery was set for next Monday by Judge William J. Murray in the Criminal court of Lake county, Ind., at Crown Point.

The bribery charge grows out of Sammons' alleged offer of \$200 for his liberty, made to Deputy Sheriff John Cook when Cook arrested him Nov. 6 at Cedar Lake, Ind., on a charge of intoxication. The charge is a preliminary to Prosecutor Robert G. Estill's attempt to send Sammons to the Indiana penitentiary for life as a habitual criminal.

Sammons, a gang machine gunner, has served reformatory or prison sentences on charges of rape, murder, and robbery. He was once under sentence to hang for murder, but received a commutation. The Indiana Supreme court recently upheld a law under which a prisoner who has served two prison sentences may be imprisoned for life upon conviction of another offense.

Sammons' attorneys, William J. McAleer and Joseph H. Conroy, pleaded in vain for a change of venue on the grounds that newspaper accounts of their client's notoriety would prejudice a judge and jury against him in Lake county.

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MRS. E. B. CONNOR

Federal agents, trying to catch Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd at Memphis, Tenn., seized Mrs. E. B. Connor as alleged key-figure in Kansas City massacre of June 17. She is charged with telephoning information that resulted in machine gun battle and five deaths.

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# SAMMONS GOES ON TRIAL; FACES LIFE SENTENCE

**Racketeering Gunman Fights  
Charge of \$200 Bribery;  
Expect Complete Jury Today**

James ("Fur") Sammons, ruthless gunman and racketeer, went on trial yesterday before Judge William J. Murray in the Lake County, Ind., Criminal Court, on a charge that may send him to an Indiana penitentiary for life.

Specifically the charge is attempting to bribe Deputy Sheriff Jack Cook with \$200 of a \$3,200 "roll" when the officer arrested him as drunk and disorderly in the tavern of Victor Nadasan at Cedar Lake three weeks ago.

If convicted of the charge, and if the state can show two other cases where Sammons was convicted of other crimes and served prison terms, then under the Indiana law he will be deemed a habitual criminal and it will be mandatory upon the court to sentence him for life.

## SEARCH SPECTATORS.

More than a score of deputy sheriffs were on guard in the courtroom and Lake County Building throughout the day, and carefully searched all spectators, men and women alike, for weapons.

To Crown Point residents Sammons' appearance did not bear out his reputation.

"He looks like anything but a gangster," was the comment frequently heard as spectators viewed his small stature, his quiet, light greenish-blue suit and mulberry tie.

The day was spent in arguments between Prosecutor Robert G. Estill and Attorneys William J. McAleer and James H. Conroy, counsel for Sammons, over selection of jurors from a special venire of thirty-five called for the case. Defense counsel stressed prejudice against Sammons because of newspaper publicity given his racketeering exploits.

## BROTHERS SEPARATED.

Sammons was intensely interested in the procedure, conferring frequently with his attorneys, showing his tortoise shell rimmed glasses far down on his nose. Two of his brothers, Frederick and William, were present, but while they discussed his case in the halls it was noted that in court they did not sit together, but on opposite sides of the room.

It is expected that a jury will be completed today and presentation of evidence will follow immediately. Prosecutor Estill will show, he says, four convictions and prison terms in Sammons' record, and will introduce officials from the prisons in which he was confined.

GOES ON TRIAL



James ("Fur") Sammons.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. H. G. R.  
Mr. Quinn  
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# 'FUR' SAMMONS GOES ON TRIAL IN CROWN POINT

## Jury Is Chosen to Hear Bribery Charge.

A jury was selected late yesterday in Judge William J. Murray's court in Crown Point to begin hearing evidence today against James [Fur] Sammons, Chicago gangster. Sammons is being tried on an attempted bribery charge and if found guilty will immediately be put on trial under the Indiana habitual criminal act. If convicted on the habitual criminal charge, he will be liable to a sentence of life imprisonment.

More than fifty of the veniremen, most of them farmers, who filed through the jury box, were excused for cause when they said they could not give Sammons a fair trial because of a feeling that he was guilty. Finally in the last hour of the day's session, twelve men were chosen who swore they would consider the evidence with impartiality.

### Sammons Sits and Stares.

Sammons, garbed in the same powder blue suit in which he was arrested several weeks ago in a Cedar Lake roadhouse, maintained a stolid attitude. His gray hair was closely cropped, his eyes stared through horn rimmed glasses.

Only the fingers of the hands which many times handled a machine gun for the Capone gang tapped nervously on the arms of his chair. He stared grimly at the prospective jurors who expressed a preconceived opinion as to his guilt.

The attempted bribery charge will be based upon the evidence of Deputy Sheriff Jack Cook that Sammons offered him \$200 to avoid arrest in the roadhouse. The deputy sheriff had been summoned to the place when the proprietor complained that Sam-

mons was intoxicated and threatening other guests with a pistol.

Inasmuch as Sammons has convictions of rape and murder on his previous police record, his conviction on the attempted bribery charge would place three felony convictions against

him and make him eligible for conviction under the habitual criminal act of the state. Life imprisonment is a mandatory sentence under this law.

A large force of armed deputies guarded the courthouse as Sammons was placed on trial.

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# DEPUTY SHERIFF SAYS SAMMONS OFFERED BRIBE

## Testifies in Gangster's Trial in Indiana.

An Indiana deputy sheriff yesterday braved the scowls of James (Fur) Sammons and gave evidence concerning an attempted bribery by the gangster which may put Sammons in prison for life.

Deputy Sheriff John W. Cook of Lake county told the jury in Judge William J. Murray's court at Crown Point, where Sammons is on trial, that the convicted killer and rapist offered him \$200 on Nov. 6 if he would release him from custody. If Sammons is convicted of the attempted bribery charge he will be tried under the Indiana habitual criminal act, which provides a life sentence for criminals convicted of three felonies.

### Shows \$3,200 Roll of Bills.

On the night of Nov. 5, according to the evidence given to the jury, Sammons staggered into a Cedar Lake, Ind., tavern owned by Victor Madason. He flourished a huge roll of bills, which was later counted and found to contain \$3,200. After buying drinks for the house he became disorderly, fell against a stove and nearly set fire to the tavern, Madason testified.

Madason called the sheriff's office and Cook was sent out to arrest Sammons. As the deputy sheriff took the stand Sammons glared at him.

Cook declared that when he entered the roadhouse Sammons was seated at a table. He waited his chance, the deputy sheriff said, and then wrested from Sammons a pistol which the latter had been waving. On the trip back to the jail Sammons offered him \$200, he said, to release him.

### Charges Intimidation of Witness.

The day's hearing was enlivened by the charge by Deputy Prosecutor Floyd Vance that Madason, the first witness for the state, had been intimidated during the noon recess by Pat Sammons, a brother of the defendant. Madason, who was obviously frightened, was not questioned concerning what Pat Sammons had said

to him, the judge ruling that the state could not cross-examine its own witness.

Sammons' defense will be that he was so intoxicated that he did not know what he was doing, his lawyers indicated in opening arguments. He thought Cook was a taxicab driver and was merely offering him money for transportation instead of a bribe, the lawyers declared.

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**SLAIN BY PALS—**

Verne Miller, one of the country's most dangerous outlaws, who was found slain yesterday near Detroit, a supposed "ride" victim of his pals.

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# VERNE MILLER

## FOUND SLAIN

### WORST OUTLAW, ONCE SHERIFF, TAKEN ON RIDE

Renegade Beaten to Death;  
Bound Body Tossed in Ditch  
on Outskirts of Detroit

(Picture on Back Page.)

Verne Miller, the nation's most hunted outlaw, was found murdered yesterday on the outskirts of Detroit—less than a month after he had shot his way out of a government agents' trap here.

Despite the raging Detroit gang war, in which three gang leaders have been slain since Sunday, authorities believe Miller was "bumped off" by his friends because he demanded that they protect him from the government's relentless search. **BODY LEFT IN DITCH.**

His body, nude, strapped and bound, and wrapped in two blankets, was found in a roadside ditch in the northern part of Detroit. He had evidently been damped from an automobile in typical gangland "ride" fashion.

But examination disclosed that he had not been shot. Instead, his skull had been crushed.

Authorities established that the body had been placed in the ditch yesterday morning, but said Miller had been dead twenty-four hours when the body was found.

Investigation disclosed that he had been dividing his time between Chicago and Detroit hideouts recently, traveling between the two cities by automobile and airplane.

#### WANTED FOR ROBBERIES

Miller was wanted by the government here for the loop mail robbery of September 22, when the robbers shot Policeman Miles Cunningham to death, and for the previous loop mail robbery of last December, when \$250,000 loot was obtained.

But more important, in the eyes of the government, was the charge that Miller fired the machine gun in the Kansas City massacre of last June, when four officers were killed with their prisoner, Frank Nash, in a vain attempt by Harvey Bailey's Oklahoma kidnapers to free their comrade, Nash. Miller also was wanted in the Urschel kidnapping and a score of other abductions.

#### PRICE ON HEAD.

With a price of \$10,000 on his head, dead or alive, and a government order that he must be captured outstanding, Miller was the "hottest" or most dangerous criminal to shield in the country. Six men already are under indictment for having aided him and almost at the same time his body was found two Chicago women, Bobby Moore and Vivian Gibson, were being sentenced to a year and a day in prison for helping him in his escape here.

Hence, authorities assert, Miller's friends decided that the safest course was to kill him, since he would undoubtedly have killed them had they refused to aid him.

(An account of Verne Miller's criminal career appears on Page 2)

### WOMEN AIDED MILLER ESCAPE

Sentencing of Bobby Moore and Vivian Gibson yesterday for aiding Verne Miller in his escape from a federal agents' trap here November 1—and the almost simultaneous revelation that Miller had been murdered in Detroit—recalled the outlaw's underworld record.

The two women pleaded guilty before Federal Judge Wilkerson and were sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison for having harbored and concealed Miller.

The Gibson woman, authorities said, was with Miller when federal agents surrounded him in the Sherone Apartment Hotel at 4423 Sheridan road. As the federal men opened fire with machine guns, Miller sped away in a car, returning the fire, with Miss Moore at the wheel.

Miller, a world war veteran, was a renegade sheriff from Huron S. D. Turning to crime, he joined forces with the Oklahoma bad men, Harvey Bailey and George ("Machine Gun") Kelly, who are now serving life sentences for the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel.

Seeking a clue to the reason for Miller's murder, police discovered that he recently went to Newark to hire himself out as a killer to the Longie gang. There he is said to have engaged with Al Silvers in several killings. Silvers was killed two weeks ago at Somers, Conn., in much the same fashion that Miller met his death. Hence, police reasoned, Miller and Silvers might have been killed by friends of one of their victims.

Possibility that Miller's death was a result of Detroit's new gang war, while discounted, was not overlooked. Among the victims of this war were Abe Axler and Eddie Fletcher, leaders of the Detroit Purple gang, who were known as Detroit's "public enemies."

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**VERNE MILLER, DESPERADO, IS FOUND SLAIN.**

Two views of Verne Miller, desperate little gunman. One shows him clean shaven and the other with glasses and red mustache he wore for disguise when slain.

(Story on page 1.)

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# OUTLAW VERNE MILLER

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### 26,000 at Work CWA P

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are off the relief roll  
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are growing poorer  
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assure a better future.



# MILLER SLAIN

## 367 Thankful

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## 26,000 Now at Work on CWA Projects

For multitudes who have been struggling with poverty this is a holiday of real thanksgiving. Thousands are off the relief rolls and at work under the federal civil works program. Other thousands, not on charity lists, are promised employment within a few days.

Adding to the Thanksgiving spirit, the civil works administration yesterday announced the formal approval of projects which will add 26,367 more men to the ranks of the employed. The officials are striving to have almost 100,000 men at work in Cook county by Dec. 15, a goal which would assure a happy Christmas season.

Compared with 1932 Thanksgiving, welfare workers, observing the change in conditions and spirit under the program was put into effect here, compared the 1933 Thanksgiving with the 1932 Thanksgiving.

"Last year," said one, "men were being laid off. This year they are being hired."

The same welfare worker said that men on relief rolls had been receiving few half day jobs every week, earning around \$4.50 a week. Now, under the public projects plan, they are putting in five days' work a week at minimum wages around \$15.

34,340 Assigned So Far.

Up to midnight last night the re-

## GUNMAN BEATEN TO DEATH; BODY LEFT IN A DITCH

## Sought as Killer of 5 in Kansas City.

*(Picture on Back Page)*

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Verne C. Miller, 37 years old, separate gunman, and one-time sheriff from South Dakota, who has been the object for months of an intensive search by agents of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, is dead. Just a month ago he was the object of a wild chase in Chicago. Police and government men pursued him then over north side streets, but didn't catch him.

The nude body of the outlaw, who was credited with handling the machine gun that deprived five persons of their lives in the Kansas City Union station massacre in June, and with a host of crime besides, was found yesterday in a ditch by a roadside just outside the city limits. It was identified today.

*Victim's Skull Crushed.*

Miller had been beaten to death. His skull was crushed in. The slayers had wrapped the body in blankets and tied the covering with clothes line. It was apparent to investigators that Miller had been slain elsewhere, probably in some haunt of the Detroit underworld, and the body conveyed to the nearby roadside for disposal.

As to why Miller had been slain there were only general hypotheses. It was recalled, however, that he was believed to have gone to Newark, N. J., a few weeks ago to give himself over to the Longie gang as a killer. While there, it was indicated by government men, he became quite friendly with a gangster named Al Stevens and co-operated with the latter in several killings.

*Fel Similarity Seen.*

Since the departure of Miller from the Detroit southeast, possibly two weeks ago, Stevens was killed. He, too, was wanted and beaten to death. The body was wrapped in blankets and thrown in a ditch at Kansas. The similarity of the circumstances with Miller's was noted by government men. It was pointed out that Miller was a "sneaky" fellow. A "sneaky" man in the underworld probably has a right to the name.

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#### Fel Similarly Slain

Since the slaying of Miller from the eastern seaboard, Sunday two weeks ago, Silver was killed. He, too, was stabbed and beaten to death. His body was wrapped in burlap and thrust in a ditch at Benson, Conn. The similarity of the circumstances in both killings was held to show that the vengeance of gangsters easily overtook Miller as it overtook Silver. "A hundred men in the underworld probably had reason to kill Miller," said Fred Graham, chief of detectives. "We had a report more than a year ago that he was here, but were unable to locate him."

Abe Axler and Eddie Fletcher, members of the notorious Purple Gang, were recently slain and it was suggested that Miller may have been the killer of both.

#### Wanted for Kidnaping

So important did the government regard Miller that it had obtained \$5,000 bounty in the last few months, giving him description and urging his capture. He was wanted for kidnaping and robbery, as well as for murder. Federal investigators said that the police in every major city more than 100 persons in the country had been asked to aid in his capture.

It was a tribute to the gangster's unflinching courage of the six years and to his ability with firearms that with all this pressure there was as little disposition on the part of underworld informers to disclose his whereabouts.

"He inspired everybody who knew him with terror," said one of the men who had been on the hunt for him. "There was never a gathering of gangsters about him that he did not dominate. He liked none of them and none of them liked him. Miller was a throwback to the old western desperadoes who asked nothing better than a chance to beat the other fellow to the draw. His enemies had a way of getting killed. He never forgot an injury."

#### Snagged Trap in Chicago

The last time Miller was shot was on Nov. 3, when he engaged in a shooting battle with seven police officers and government agents on the north side of Chicago. An elaborate trap had been set for him, but his ready gun shot him to good stead and he shot his way out.

Miller had been identified during the summer as one of the participants with Harvey Bailey and George (Doc) Chase (Gun) Kelly, in the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire. Bailey and Kelly have been convicted of the abduction and sentenced to life terms in the federal penitentiary.

He is believed to have been involved also in the robbery of two Federal Reserve bank vaults in Chicago Sept. 21. The robbery, being one of the most daring in the history of the city, was the work of a small group of men, including Miller.

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# 'FUR' SAMMONS FRIGHTENED AT INDIANA TRIAL

Case May Go to Jury Today;  
He Faces Life Term if Con-  
victed as Habitual Felon

By Sam Blair,

James ("Fur") Sammons will know today whether he is going to spend the remaining years of his life in Indiana's penitentiary at Michigan City.

And Sammons is scared. As he sat in the courtroom at Crown Point yesterday and listened to the unfolding of the state's evidence that he is a "habitual criminal" and, therefore, subject to life confinement under Indiana law, his hands were in continuous, nervous motion and his toes kept tapping the floor beneath the counsel table.

## SPECTATORS SEARCHED.

But Sammons cannot rely on the appeal of his gentle front this time. And because the authorities of Crown Point suspect that he may rely upon another sort of extra-legal defense, every man and woman who entered the courtroom was frisked for guns by deputy sheriffs.

The state and defense closed their evidence last night and attorneys on both sides agreed to confine closing arguments to three hours this morning.

The evidence entered by the state was largely routine, being entirely concerned with getting into the record the fact that the prisoner has more than twice been sentenced for felonies and, therefore, is now eligible for a sentence to imprisonment for life.

## DEATH SENTENCE RECALLED.

"Fur" gave little attention to the prosecution testimony, although once he did stiffen in his seat and his nervous trembling became accentuated. That was when Elijah Sandstrom, retired Chicago policeman, recalled from the witness stand that he was in court the afternoon of June 17, 1904, when the death sentence was pronounced upon "one James Sammons."

Although "Fur" did not join in it, there was a laugh or two throughout the courtroom in the evidence brought forward by two defense witnesses. They were Alma Selfart, barmaid in the saloon at Cedar Lake, Ind., where Sammons was arrested last month, and Hatty

# 'FUR' FIGHTS TO BEAT LIFE



OUTLINING DEFENSE—James ("Fur") Sammons, left, is shown here conferring with his attorney, William McAleer, during

a recess in his trial on a habitual criminal charge at Crown Point, Ind., where conviction means a life sentence.

Hatty is white-haired and bent with age. She lives in Cedar Lake and frequents the tavern there. The barmaid told of how "Fur" had made love to Hatty the night of his arrest.

## INTOXICATION SHOWN.

The purpose of the testimony of the two women was to show that on that particular night Sammons was intoxicated and, consequently could have had no "felonious intent" when he offered a bribe of \$250 to the deputy who had been called to arrest him on a disorderly conduct charge. The proffering of the bribe constitutes the technical third felony, which must be proved before the habitual criminal act can be invoked against the prisoner.

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 Again The American had the  
 unfair and prejudicial  
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And, an interesting point to  
 note, some of the papers com-  
 monly classed as "highbrow"  
 showed a far less tendency  
 to "color" their news.

## Death of Miller Laid to Gang Feud

Universal Service.

DETROIT, Dec. 2.—Gus Wink-  
 ler and Verne Miller, two of the  
 nation's most notorious gangsters,  
 "cancelled each other out."

This was the theory held by De-  
 troit police today—that Miller,  
 "most hunted man in America,"  
 was slain here this week by Chi-  
 cago killers, in revenge for Wink-  
 ler's death.

Information indicating the two  
 deaths were cause and effect was  
 obtained today "from a trust-  
 worthy source" by Fred Pruhm,  
 chief of detectives.

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## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

### MILLER, GUNMAN, SLAIN IN DETROIT

Nude Body Identified as That  
of Man Sought for Kansas  
City Massacre.

### KILLING LAID TO GANGS

Victim, a Former Sheriff, Shot  
Way Out of Trap in Chicago—  
Girl Associates Sentenced.

Special to The New York Times.  
DETROIT, Nov. 29.—A nude body  
discovered yesterday in a ditch out-  
side the city limits was identified  
today as that of Verne C. Miller,  
37 years old, who was said to have  
handled a machine gun that mowed  
down five men in the Kansas City  
Union Station massacre on June 17.  
Charles Racy of the Police Identifi-  
cation Bureau said that finger-  
print records proved that the body  
was Miller's. Other similarities in-  
cluded a thatch of red hair, a red  
mustache and body measurements,  
all conforming to the description on  
the identification cards.

Miller evidently had been beaten  
to death. His head was crushed.  
The body had been wrapped in two  
blankets and tied into a jack-knife  
position with a few yards of clothes-  
line. The police theory is that he  
was killed in some haunt of the un-  
derworld here and that his body  
was hauled out to the lonely road-  
side. From its condition the inves-  
tigators hazarded a guess that the  
killing took place on Sunday or  
Monday.

Miller was for long an associate  
of Harvey Bailey and George (Ma-  
chine-Gun) Kelly, who have been  
sentenced to life imprisonment for  
the kidnapping of Charles Urschel  
of Oklahoma.

Miller, who was once Sheriff at

Huron, S. D., deserted the side of  
law some years ago. His technique  
with firearms was said to have  
been perfect and his courage was  
unquestioned. Federal authorities  
had been seeking him as a suspect  
in many of the crimes of Kelly and  
Bailey and also in the robbery of  
two Federal Reserve Bank mes-  
sengers in Chicago on Sept. 22.

### Shot His Way Out of Trap.

Special to The New York Times.  
CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Verne Mil-  
ler outwitted more than a dozen  
police and Federal agents who  
trapped him in a hotel here Nov. 1.  
A heavy guard had been placed  
around the hotel and an informer  
who knew Miller was stationed in  
the lobby, with instructions to drop  
a bunch of keys when he should  
leave his hotel room. Watchers out-  
side the hotel would see the action  
and be prepared to surround and  
capture the outlaw.

The keys were dropped, but Mil-  
ler, hearing the tinkle of the metal,  
whirled with drawn pistol and fired  
at the informer. Then he fled into  
the street. A hundred feet away,  
in an automobile, a young woman  
waited for him.

Amid a hail of bullets they es-  
caped.

The girl, Bobby Moore, was ar-  
rested later, as was Vivian Gibson,  
daughter of a farmer at Brainerd,  
Minn. Both were indicted on a  
charge of harboring Miller. They  
pleaded guilty today in Federal  
court and Judge James H. Wilker-  
son sentenced each to serve a year  
and a day.

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 boy, and his wife, Marie,  
 along Park ave. Picture from  
 graph Service.

## VERNE MILLER FOUND SLAIN

DETROIT, Nov. 29.—A nude  
 body, identified as that of Verne  
 Miller, 37, notorious outlaw want-  
 ed in the Kansas City massacre,  
 was found in a ditch here today.

The head was battered in, the  
 body stabbed in several places,  
 and the hands and knees drawn  
 together and tied with a clothes-  
 line. The body was wrapped in  
 two blankets. The man apparently  
 had been slain more than 24  
 hours before.

Authorities said they positively  
 had identified Miller by his finger  
 prints and because of one missing  
 finger.

Federal officials declare they  
 have positive information Miller  
 was one of the gang which oper-  
 ated machine guns in the Kansas  
 City Union Station plaza when  
 four officers and their prisoner,  
 Frank Nash, were mowed down  
 June 17. Officials here under-  
 stood he also was wanted for the  
 murder of a police chief at Mc-  
 Alester, Okla.

Miller was a suspect in the  
 Charles F. Urschel kidnaping in  
 Oklahoma City, but Federal offi-  
 cials never revealed if their in-  
 formation was conclusive.

Miller, a former police officer  
 in South Dakota, earned outlaw  
 when he found his pockets more  
 profitable. He was known as a  
 dead shot and an expert with a  
 machine gun.

His murder was the ninth gang  
 killing in Detroit in five days.

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THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 30, 1933

## URSCHEL ABDUCTION SUSPECT IS SLAIN

Find Verne Miller's Body  
in Ditch; Wanted in  
Kansas City Massacre

DETROIT, Nov. 29 (A. P.)—Detroit police tonight said that fingerprint comparisons had established that a nude body found in a suburban roadside ditch here today was that of Verne Miller, notorious gangster.

Detective Charles Racy, of the Detroit police identification bureau, announced the identification of Miller, who was a suspect in the Urschel kidnapping case and in the shooting of Frank Nash, Oklahoma mail train robber, and his four guards in the Kansas City Union Station last June.

The body was recovered by police, after a stranger had notified residents of the locality where the body would be found. He disappeared before police arrived.

Dr. D. W. Johnson, county medical examiner, said that the man had been dead for approximately 24 hours, and the body placed in the ditch early today. He said the body was wrapped in two blankets, and tied into a jackknife position with a clothes line.

### Skull Crushed

The back of the skull had been crushed, apparently with a blunt instrument. A thatch of red hair and a mustache aided in the identification, police said.

Detective Lieutenant Paul Wencel, of the homicide squad, expressed the belief that Miller was slain at a spot some distance from the ditch, under a clump of underbrush, where it was found.

Three other known gangsters have been killed and a fourth seriously wounded here during the past week in what authorities believed may be a fresh outbreak of gang warfare. With the slaying early Sunday of Abe Axler and Edward Fletcher, members of Detroit's Purple Gang, police announced that they expected reprisals.

The following day Walter Tyack, escaped convict, was found shot to death, and James Doretti was shot and seriously wounded as he escaped from an automobile in which he told police he had been taken for a ride.

## Verne Miller Wanted in Kansas City Killings

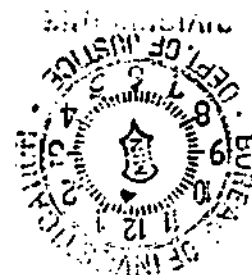
KANSAS CITY, Nov. 29 (A. P.)—Verne Miller, tentatively identified as the man whose body was found on the outskirts of Detroit, was wanted here as one of the ring-leaders in the killing of four officers and their prisoner convict, Frank Nash, in front of the Union Station last June 17.

Miller, former Huron, S. D., sheriff and World War veteran, was said by Federal authorities to have manned one of the machine guns at the station during an effort to free Nash from his captors, who were taking him back to the Leavenworth, Kas., Federal penitentiary from which he had escaped.

Nash, an Oklahoma train robber, was killed accidentally.

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sorry, but I can't say anything.

## DEPOT MASSACRE SUSPECT IS SLAIN

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### Victim Ninth in Five Days In Detroit's "War."

DETROIT, Nov. 30.—(Universal Service.)—A body, identified by fingerprints as that of Verne Miller, 37, outlaw wanted in the Kansas City railroad station massacre of a convict and four officers, was found in a ditch in the northwestern section of the city at 5 p. m. today. His head was battered in, his body stabbed in several places and his hands and knees were drawn together and tied with clothes line.

Federal officials and Kansas City authorities declare they have positive information that Miller was one of the gang wielding machine guns on the Kansas City Union station plaza when four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, were mowed down last June 17.

Miller also was a suspect in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping in Oklahoma City.

Miller and a girl companion made a sensational escape in Chicago November 1 after their apartment had been surrounded by a cordon of 30 Federal operatives.

The murder was the ninth gang killing in Detroit in the last five days.

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WASHINGTON D.C. STAR, November 30, 1933.

## SLAYING OF KILLER MYSTIFIES POLICE

Fail to Find Clues in Death of  
Verne Miller, Notorious  
Gangster.

By the Associated Press.

DETROIT, November 30.—Admittedly without clues or theories, Detroit police and agents of the United States Department of Justice today sought the slayers of Verne Miller, notorious Midwestern desperado, whose battered body was found on the outskirts of the city late Wednesday.

The body of the man who had been sought as the machine gunner in the slaying of four officers and a prisoner at the Kansas City Union Station last June 17, was found in a roadside ditch, nude and trussed up with blankets. Identification was made by means of fingerprints.

Detectives sought a possible link between the slaying of Miller and the slayings early Sunday of Abe Axler and Eddie Fletcher, New York and Detroit police characters, whose bodies, bearing numerous bullet wounds, were found in an automobile near a North Side suburb. It was known by the police that a famous killer—possibly Miller—was brought to Detroit to slay Axler and Fletcher.

It was determined that Miller had been killed by beating in his skull and that his body had been transported by automobile to the outskirts of the city and there rolled into a ditch.

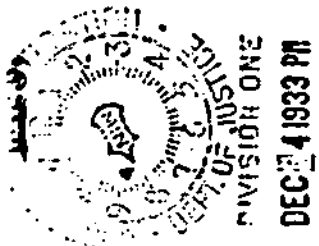
Scores of criminals had reasons to seek Miller's death, detectives said, but they were frankly admitting they did not know which lead to follow.

Miller was known as a confederate of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw, and Harvey Bailey. The latter is serving a life sentence for the Charles P. Urschel kidnaping at Oklahoma City.

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## MILLER KILLED "FIENDISHLY"

DETROIT, Nov. 30 (U.S.). Verne Miller, 37, former Dakota sheriff and America's most hunted criminal, was tortured to death in a gangland inquisition of fiendish cruelty.

This was the theory advanced today by Detroit police, as physicians attempted to explain wounds found on the head and face of the gunman. His naked body was found last night in a roadside ditch on the outskirts of Detroit.

The discovery ended a nationwide search for the killer, who was wanted for the massacre of four officers and a prisoner in Kansas City's union station last June.

The gunman had not been shot but had been stabbed nearly a dozen times in the face and head. Examining physicians said two weapons apparently had been used—a sharp hunting knife or chisel, and an ice pick or a large nail.

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## Fugitive in Two Murders Slain

Man Sought in Kansas City Massacre Found Dead in Ditch.

Detroit, Nov. 29 (AP).—Detroit police tonight announced that the nude body of a man found in a ditch on the city outskirts had been positively identified as that of Verne Miller, 37, a suspect in the shooting of a group of officers and their prisoner in the Kansas City Union Station last summer.

Detective Charles Racy made the identification tonight a few hours after the body was discovered by a passer-by.

Miller also was sought as the slayer of the chief of police at McAlistier, Okla., police said. The man's head had been crushed with a blunt instrument. The body was wrapped in two blankets and had been tied into a jackknife position by several feet of clothesline.

Detective Tracy said that he confirmed his identification by finger prints.

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By United Press

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## VERNE MILLER, OUTLAW, SLAIN BY GANGSTERS

Notorious Gunman Sought In  
Kansas City Massacre Is  
'Taken for Ride' by Enemies

DETROIT, Nov. 29 (U.S.)—A body, identified as that of Verne Miller, notorious outlaw wanted in the Kansas City massacre, was found in a ditch in the northwestern section of the city at 8 p. m. today.

His head was battered in, his body stabbed in several places and his hands and knees were drawn together and tied with a clothes line.

Authorities said they positively had identified Miller by means of his finger prints and because of one missing finger. He was about 37 years old.

### IN STATION MASSACRE

Federal officers and Kansas City authorities declare they have positive information that Miller was one of the gang wielding machine guns in the Kansas City union station plaza when four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, were mowed down last June 17.

He also was wanted in numerous other crimes. He was a suspect in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping, in Oklahoma City.

Miller and a girl companion made a sensational escape in Chicago November 1 after their apartment had been surrounded by Federal operatives. The pair drove up to the apartment hotel, Miller stepped out and started for the entrance, but dashed back to the car when he was confronted by one of the Government men.

### ESCAPE AMID BULLETS

The girl stepped on the gas and the couple escaped in a fusillade of bullets. Thirty agents were outwitted in this adventure.

He was from Huron, S. D., where at one time he was sheriff. When he became a renegade, he threw his lot with such desperadoes as Harvey Bailey and George ("Machine Gun") Kelly, both of whom are serving sentences in the Urschel kidnaping.

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### Sammons Fights Life Term on Bribe Charge

Crown Point, Ind., Nov. 29 (P). Three defense witnesses today testified James "Fur" Sammons, Chicago gangster, was intoxicated when he was arrested. Testimony was at his trial on a charge of attempting to bribe an officer. The prosecution seeks to prove the bribery charge in order to make him liable to life imprisonment as an habitual criminal.

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## TORTURED BY GANG

Verne Miller Died a Violent and a Puzzling Death, Detroit Police Say.

### LINK IN DOUBLE KILLING

The Gunman Probably Was Implicated in Two Slayings, It Is Pointed Out.

### CRUELTY IN ITS WORST FORM

The Savagery With Which Outlaw's Life Was Taken Points to a Deep Hatred.

DETROIT, Nov. 30.—Verne C. Miller, former Dakota sheriff and America's most hunted criminal, was tortured to death in a gangland inquisition.

That was the theory advanced today by Detroit police, while physicians attempted to explain the peculiar wounds found on the head and face of the gunman. His nude body, trussed up, was found last night in a roadside ditch on the outskirts of Detroit. The discovery ended a nationwide search for the killer and desperado. He was sought for the massacre of four officers and a prisoner at the Kansas City union station plaza last June.

#### The Wounds Are Puzzling.

While police puzzled over the origin of the wounds on Miller's head, a post-mortem examination to determine the exact cause of his death was indefinitely postponed.

The gunman, contrary to the usual gangland murder methods, had not been shot. But he had been stabbed nearly a dozen times in the face and head, several of the wounds penetrating the brain. Examining physicians said two weapons apparently had been used, a sharp hunting knife or chisel and an icepick or a large nail.

Detectives advanced two theories to account for the strange methods used by the killers. The first theory, and probably the more likely, was that the killers tortured Miller in an effort to make him talk, but went too far and killed him. The other was that the killing was done in some place where a shot would have aroused suspicion.

#### Investigate Reprisal Theory.

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#### Taken Away in a Car.

It was determined that Miller had been killed by an instrument which was used to beat in his skull, and that his body had been transported by motor car to the outskirts of the city and there rolled into a ditch.

Scores of criminals had reason to seek Miller's death, detectives said, but they were frankly admitting they did not know which lead to follow.

Miller was sought for other crimes than the quintuple Kansas City slayings. He was sought in Chicago for the slaying of Patrolman Miles Cunningham during a mail robbery in September and for shooting his way to freedom there November 1, when officers closed in on his hideout.

Miller was known as a confederate of Harvey Bailey, now serving a life sentence for the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping at Oklahoma City.

The slaying of Miller made the fifth killing to occur in the Detroit metropolitan area the last four days. Besides his death and the deaths of Axler and Fletcher, there were those of Walter Tyliczak, escaped convict, and Mrs. Antoinette Grillo.

#### Agents Near a Capture.

William Larson, department of justice head in Detroit, said his office was informed October 28 that Miller was coming to Detroit, but that his agents had been unable to locate him.

"We were unable to locate him here, but our agents learned that he spent two days in Lima, O. We barely missed him there and the next day he was on the way to Chicago," Larson said.

Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives here, today expressed surprise over the manner in which Miller was slain. Police expected the man to be shot to death in battle, he said, but not "taken for a ride." When Miller was almost taken in Chicago recently, he shot his way out.

Miller must have been taken unawares, Higgins said. He may have exhausted his funds and then hired out to kill a gangster in Detroit.

About one month before Miller escaped in Chicago the chief of detectives here received a "tip" that Miller was coming to Kansas City to get in touch with an underworld character at a Kansas City hotel. The hotel was watched for three days, Higgins said, but the machine gunner never appeared.

### HIS COMPANION TO PRISON.

Vivian Matthews Believed to Be the Woman in Case Here.

Vivian Gibson, alias Mrs. Vivian Matthews, who was sentenced with "Bobby" Moore, a friend, in Chicago Tuesday to a year and a day in a federal women's reformatory on a charge of harboring Verne C. Miller, slain machine gunner, is believed by federal agents to have been the woman who was with Miller when he occupied a house at 6612 Edgevale road here prior to the union station massacre June 17.

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#### The Kind of Job for Him.

It is the sort of crime which Miller could make successful where other lesser killers would fail, according to Fred W. Frahm, chief of Detroit detectives.

Miller never had been associated with any of the gang leaders in Detroit and his connections always have been with the notorious bandits who plied their trade in the Missouri Valley, but there is no reason why he could not have been hired to kill these two men, particularly in view of the fact that police pursuit was so hot behind Miller that he must have been having difficulty in making money by his usual methods.

On the other hand, Frahm said, it is possible that Miller came here to hide, as he did early this month, just before he shot his way through police who were thrown about his hiding place in an apartment in Chicago. It was known he was here, but the police could not find the place in which he was hiding. It was not known when he had returned here, Frahm said.

#### A Full Probe Is On.

Detectives have been assigned to investigate Miller's connections here, to locate the place in which he was killed and to work with the police of other cities in an effort to clear away the mystery of his death.

The possibility that Miller was implicated in the Axler and Fletcher slayings arose through the knowledge of the police that he was a friend of Milford Jones, St. Louis-Detroit gunman who was slain a year ago last June. Axler and Fletcher were known to have been in the Stork Club here shortly before Jones was killed, and the police believe Miller returned here to slay Axler and Fletcher in reprisal for the slaying of Jones.

The body of Miller, who had been sought as the machine gunner in the slaying of four officers and a prisoner at the Kansas City union station June 17, was found in a roadside ditch, nude and trussed up with blankets. Identification was made by means of fingerprints. An examination...

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Mrs. Matthews was not included among those indicted here for conspiracy to obstruct justice, based on the attempted delivery of Frank Nash, convict, who was slain with her daughter.

When Miller made the spectacular escape from the police and federal trap in Chicago November 1, Mrs. Moore drove his car. The car later was wrecked and Miller and the woman escaped. Federal agents fired shots at the two occupants of the car and they believed they wounded Miller. The arrest of Mrs. Matthews followed in Miller's apartment. "Bobby" Moore also was arrested when she went to Miller's apartment to inquire about Mrs. Matthews. Mrs. Matthews and "Bobby" Moore were indicted by a federal grand jury in Chicago November 10 on charges of conspiracy to hide Miller. "Bobby" Moore is the widow of Jack Harris, slain New York gangster, the agents assert.

Whether the woman with Miller at 6612 Edgevale road, and later with him when he drove down the union station plaza drive, fired shots into the officers' car has not been determined. Miller, agents assert, fired a machine gun. In his car also was another man, whose identity is not known.

### FORGED A MILLER LINK

#### Kansas Police Identified in Union Station

Following the news of the body of Verne Axler and Miller, yesterday, the Kansas department took through its files that Miller's identity was positively in union station.

# FIND MILLER SLAIN

Body of the Desperado Is Left  
Nude in a Ditch in Outskirts  
of Detroit.

## GANGLAND'S HAND SEEN

Head Is Crushed and Mutilated,  
but Identification Is Made  
Sure by Fingerprints.

## THE MOST SOUGHT CRIMINAL

Federal Agents Had Hunted Him  
Throughout Nation for Union  
Station Massacre.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

DETROIT, Nov. 28.—Verne O. Miller, the most hunted gangster in America because of his connection with the massacre of four officers and their prisoner at the Kansas City union station June 17, is dead, apparently the victim of gangland.

His nude body, with the head crushed, was found in a ditch on the outskirts of Detroit today. The identification was made by detectives through the fingerprints of the dead man.

How the notorious gangster died remains a mystery. Detroit police are inclined to believe he fell a victim in a gang warfare that broke out here a few days ago, resulting in the deaths of three members of Detroit's Purple gang and the wounding of a fourth.

Red Hair, Like Miller's.

The identification of the body as that of Miller was made by Charles Racy, detective in the Detroit bureau of identification. Racy said the head and face were mutilated beyond recognition, but that the man had red hair, like Miller's, and a red mustache, and that his physical description fitted that of Miller. All doubt of the identity was removed with the checking of the fingerprints.

A stranger told residents of the vicinity of the presence of the body, and then left before the police arrived.

Dr. D. W. Johnson, county medical examiner, said Miller had been dead about twenty-four hours, and that the body had been placed in the ditch early today. It had been wrapped in two blankets in a jackknife position, and then bound with ribbons. Police believe Miller was killed at some distance from the place where the body was found, probably in some Detroit underworld haunt, and his body hauled to the ditch and dumped out.

Shot Way Out in Chicago.

Miller was last seen alive by police and federal agents November 1, at the Sheraton hotel on Chicago's North Side. That day he shot his way out of a cordon of officers in a spectacular escape, after they had surrounded the hotel. Learning of Miller's presence, officers had placed a heavy guard around the hotel, and stationed an informer in the lobby. The informer was to drop a bunch of keys as Miller stepped from the elevator.

When the keys were dropped, Miller heard them, upon about and fired at the informer, then dashed for a motor car standing near the hotel. Its driver was a woman.

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Chicago, made after Frank Nash was arrested in Hot Springs the day before the killing, the attention of the agents was drawn to the Edgevale road bungalow. They learned Miller had lived there until a few days after the killing, then had disappeared with his "wife" and the child.

Orders to Miller From Stacci.

Through the calls they were able to reconstruct the activities of the gang in Hot Springs and Joplin preceding the killing; the mobilization of the gang members here; the orders to Miller from Louis Stacci in Chicago to free Nash, and the ambush that was laid at the station.

In that appalling crime, Raymond J. Caffrey, agent of the division of investigation, department of justice; W. J. Grooms and Frank Hermanson, city detectives, and Otto Reed, chief of police of McAlester, Ok., were killed. R. E. Vetterli, agent in charge of the division of investigation here, now of San Francisco, and P. J. Lackey, another federal agent, were wounded. Lackey was in a critical condition for a time, but has recovered. Vetterli was wounded in an arm. Frank Nash, the federal convict in custody of the officers, was killed.

Then began a ceaseless hunt by the agents of the division of investigation. With the patience of men who were ready to spend the rest of their lives on the trail, they set about rounding up the members of the gang and all who were in any way connected with it.

The first arrests were of Herbert Farmer and his wife of Joplin. It was from their farm home that some of the telephone calls were traced to the Edgevale road bungalow. They were brought to Kansas City and are now free on bond.

Nash's Widow Is Arrested.

Next was Mrs. Nash, wife of the slain prisoner. She, too, was brought here and later released on bond. The fourth arrested was Louis Stacci of Chicago, who was called into the case by a telephone message from Mrs. E. B. Connor of Hot Springs the day Nash was captured.

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partments everywhere, and it intended the government's agents against kidnappers which have been vigorously prosecuted under the Lindbergh law.

Vetterli on the way here.

R. E. Vetterli, who was the agent in charge here and was wounded in the massacre, was reported to be on his way to Kansas City from San Francisco last night. He is to be a witness for the state in the trial of Clarence Click, December 4, for the kidnapping of Miss Mary McKelroy.

Mr. Lackey, the other wounded agent, has been assigned to the division of investigation at San Antonio.

The federal microscopic search of Miller's past brought to light his participation in the \$4-million-dollar mail robbery in Chicago in December, 1932. The secret indictment of about forty persons, and the arrest of nearly a score of them, followed.

Among them was Edgar Lobensberger, owner of a night club at Chicago. He later was found slain, and is believed to have been killed by other members of the gang to insure his silence. The reverberations reached deeply into Chicago's underworld and were indirectly responsible for the killing of Gus Winkler, who was to have surrendered to authorities to talk about the mail robbery.

Sammon One of Those Caught.

Another notorious gangster who was caught in the net was James (Fur) Sammon, who was arrested here at the home of Fritz Mulloy. Sammon hadn't had much trouble for some time until that arrest, which was made by deputy sheriffs. Since then his road has been rocky. He was returned to Chicago; released on bond, which he jumped, and recently was arrested again in Crown Point, Ind.

He is on trial there now for attempting to bribe an officer. The prosecution is seeking to send him to prison for life as a habitual criminal. The criminal history of the gangster was read to the jury by state witnesses, four hours being required to get it into the record. It included accusations of rape, burglary and murder, and a charge that he stole five hard-boiled eggs from the kitchen while a prisoner at Leavenworth. Final arguments in the trial will be heard today.

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The officers loosed a hail of bullets, but Miller and the woman got away. It was believed he was wounded. Later the motor car was found abandoned. The woman, identified as Bobby Moore, and her companion, Vivian Gibson, were arrested later and charged with harboring a fugitive.

#### Women Companions Sentenced.

Only today they pleaded guilty in federal court in Chicago, and were sentenced to serve a year and a day in a federal women's reformatory by Judge James H. Wilkerson. Vivian Gibson later was identified as Mrs. Vivian Matthews. Police said Bobby Moore was the widow of Jack Harris, New York gangster who was killed several years ago, and that she has two grown children. Mrs. Matthews admitted she lived with Miller as his wife. She has one child.

Verne C. Miller was the most hunted gangster in America, following the arrest and convictions of Harvey Bailey and George (Machine Gun) Kelly for the Urachel kidnaping in Oklahoma City. That dubious distinction now is divided among five outlaws still hunted by federal agents for the union station massacre here June 17.

#### The Five Still Sought.

The five are Wilbur Underhill and Ed Davis, companions of Harvey Bailey in the Memorial day escape from the Kansas penitentiary; Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Bernard Phillips and Dick Galatas. All except Floyd were members of the gang of Bailey and Frank Nash, the federal convict killed with four officers on the union station plaza here.

Miller formerly was a sheriff at Huron, S. D. His criminal career leading up to the killing here is shrouded in the underworld; but after his machine gun had been turned on the officers and their prisoner, his name and crimes became known throughout the country.

#### Lived Quietly at 8613 Edgevale.

Miller lived quietly here from April until a few days after the killing in a neat white bungalow at 8613 Edgevale road. With him were a woman and a child, and they constituted what appeared to the neighbors to be a quiet family which had many visitors from other cities and states. It is presumed now that the woman was Mrs. Matthews, who was sentenced to prison yesterday in Chicago, and her child.

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#### So the score stands:

Bailey in prison for armed robbery.  
Miller dead.

Three women and two men, accessories of the gang, arrested.

Five men still at large.

And the hunt goes on relentlessly.

#### No Surprise to Conroy.

E. E. Conroy, agent in charge of the division of investigation here, said last night he wasn't surprised that Miller was killed by members of a gang.

"I have been told by gangsters on several occasions," Mr. Conroy said, "that if they could find Miller first, we wouldn't have a chance to take him. The reason is that Miller 'turned the heat' on the whole underworld. I am sorry in one way that our men didn't take Miller, but I'm glad he is out of the way."

Mr. Conroy referred to the fact that the union station massacre turned the attention of the government men to all activities of gangsters and racketeers throughout the nation. It resulted directly in the determination of the department of justice at Washington to wipe out gangdom. It centered public attention upon the general inefficiency of city police de-

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### *Between Real Law and Gang Law.*

One of the amazing things about criminal gangs is the risk that the gang leaders take. It is not so much the risk in criminal action, for gangs work only when they have or believe they have a reasonably safe advantage over their victims. But the chances that marked leaders take with both statutory law and gang law are so great that few such leaders remain long in security. They are killed or imprisoned.

Verne C. Miller was one of the most elusive of criminals. For months he had been hunted in every state. But for police blundering, he would have been taken or killed recently in Chicago. He escaped that trap, but he fell into one set by his kind in another city, presumably Detroit.

An inherent danger of organized crime to members of the organization is illustrated again in this instance. Gangs are created for organized depredations for profit. As in business, competition ensues. Competition in gangdom is despotic. Those engaged in it, when rivalry becomes destructive of profits, have no compunctions. They kill their own even more readily than they slay other victims. Thus the gangster lives between statutory law and gang law, and he stands in about as much danger from the one as from the other. The more conspicuous his leadership, the greater the hazard he takes.

Verne C. Miller is dead, and at least one of

the union station murderers is accounted for. Five other leaders in middle West criminal operations still are at large. But it is only a matter of time when Floyd, Underhill, Davis, Phillips and Galatas, to say nothing of lesser gangsters, will be brought to account for their criminal records. The abiding hope is that they may be brought to justice by legal processes.

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# PLEA FOR DELAY OF SENTENCE DENIED

James ("Fur") Sammons today faced life in prison under Indiana's habitual criminal law after being sentenced by Judge William J. Murray in Crown Point. A jury brought in a verdict which made the sentence mandatory.

The doors of the state prison at Michigan City were to close on the young killer this morning—just four days after the start of his trial.

Although practically immune from the law in Illinois—and seemingly free from arrest on murder charges in several states—Sammons was convicted for the "petty" act of offering a \$200 bribe to a peace officer in a minor disturbance.

The verdict was a smashing victory for the fighting Lake County prosecutor, Robert G. Estill, who choose to prosecute Sammons rather than permit him to come back to face the easy-going justice accorded him here.

John H. Conroy of the defense counsel made a futile plea for delay in passing sentence.

Sammons, who police say is "stir-crazy" or mentally affected by the imprisonment he has suffered at intervals in his career of crime and immunity, was branded a murderer, ravisher, robber, and burglar by Estill and John H. Underwood, chief deputy prosecutor.

Estill made a dramatic appeal to the jury of farmers and steel workers to "take this man, who has lived by crime all his life, out of circulation. He shouted:

"If you turn this man loose you all had better carry guns, because no man, woman or child in this country will be safe. Had it not been for his seizure last month, we would have been reading since of murders and bank robberies committed by an unknown gunman in these parts."

## "IN WIDOW'S BLACK"

Pointing to Mrs. John Cook, wife of the deputy sheriff who arrested the gangster, Estill said:

"If John Cook had used less precaution in approaching Sammons, that woman wouldn't be sitting there now in a blue dress trimmed with red. On this Thanksgiving day, she'd have been home dressed in a widow's black. And John Cook—his body would be six feet beneath the ground."

Sammons squirmed at this, but didn't say a word, unresponsive to sharp language. But he brightened up when his lawyers painted him as a man persecuted by police for a "frankish" murder twenty-nine years ago until he decided to buy a tiny farm in Michigan and spend his declining years in simple pastoral surroundings.

## "SIMPLE FARMER"

The defense had contended that Sammons was a simple farmer who had got the \$3,200 he had when arrested by selling one farm.

Contrary to his usual stormy manner, Sammons received the verdict calmly.

The 49-year-old gangster then indicated that he wished to speak, and his attorneys asked that his handcuffs be removed. A stocky figure in a natty powder blue suit, Sammons arose and, weighing his words carefully, said:

"I have had a fair trial here, I believe. I mean the judge has been fair to me. But I should have been given a change of venue to another county. The court has played square, but I don't believe I can get a fair trial in Lake County."

"I am being tied into the penitentiary."

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### KILLER - RAPIST CONVICTED BY INDIANA JURY

#### Machine Guns Guard Crown Point Court.

(Pictures on Back Page.)

James (Fur) Sammons, notorious Chicago gunman and public enemy, was found guilty last night in the Circuit court at Crown Point, of two offenses against Indiana law—attempting to bribe a deputy sheriff and being a habitual criminal. He was sentenced to a life term in the state penitentiary at Michigan City.

While the verdict was being read and Sammons, a snarling old man of crime, was bitterly complaining to Judge William J. Murray that the law was unfair to him, deputy sheriffs fully armed stood alert in the courtroom to prevent any possible demonstration or attempt at rescue.

#### Machine Guns Guard Courthouse.

In the corridors outside were other guards and in front of the courthouse, with shotguns and machine guns ready, stood still more. Indiana, it was plain, was taking no chances with the arch criminal, long ago convicted of rape and murder in Illinois, and known as this state's foremost evader of the penalties that justice is supposed to mete out.

The case was given to the jury at 4 p. m. Under Judge Murray's instructions three verdicts were possible: acquittal, guilty of attempted bribery and not guilty of being a habitual criminal, or guilty on both charges.

It requires three convictions for felonies before a defendant can be declared a habitual law breaker in Indiana and as such subject to life imprisonment. Documentary evidence was introduced to show the rape and murder guilty verdicts and Sammons' conviction as a would-be briber furnished the necessary third crime.

#### Guilty on Both Counts.

Five and a half hours after the jurymen retired they were ready with their verdict of guilty on both counts. The bribery conviction carried a sentence of five years in the penitentiary.

Before the jury was allowed to enter the courtroom was cleared. Additional deputy sheriffs were summoned. In the corridors all spectators were searched for weapons before they were allowed to reënter and hear the conclusion of the trial, which has attracted large crowds.

Sammons, handcuffed, was led in. The verdict was read. Attorney John Conroy, representing the defendant, requested that sentence be withheld until Monday. He wished, he said, to make a motion for a new trial, and he would be inconvenienced if he had to go to the penitentiary to see Sammons.

#### Objection by Prosecutor.

Prosecutor Robert Estill, who had referred to Sammons as the most dangerous criminal ever tried in Lake county, objected. The state, he said, had been put to great expense in placing extra guards over the criminal and he asked that the sentence be immediate.

"At least let the handcuffs be taken off Mr. Sammons," requested Attorney Conroy.

Dramatically the gray haired gunman lifted his manacled hands.

"I did not know he was handcuffed," said the judge.

They were removed and Sammons made a little speech in his own behalf:

"At the beginning of this trial, when I asked for a change of venue, your honor said he believed he was granting me a favor by not giving me a change. He felt I could not get a fair trial anywhere else in Indiana."

Trial Fair, Says Judge.

"Your trial here," responded the judge, "has been fair. All the usual courtesies to a defendant have been granted."

"What?" said Sammons. "Why ever since the trial started I have been bothered by photographers trying to take my picture, even when court was in session. If I'm sent up for life, it will be because the witnesses have lied me to prison."

With three guards standing about him, Sammons then heard his sentence. The handcuffs were snapped back on him and he was led into the Lake county jail. He was to be taken, it was said, sometime early today to Michigan City. Another motion of Attorney Conroy for a stay of mittimus to Monday was overruled.

In the courtroom at the end was Patrick Sammons, a brother of the defendant.

There was something of irony in the fact that a man who had escaped paying the full penalty for murder.

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**PICTURES SHOW THE RAPID CHANGES IN APPEARANCE OF "FUR" SAMMONS.**  
Left to right, Sammons as he appeared after pardon by Small in 1924 on murder charge; when he was sent back to prison on the same charge in 1930; when he was a suspect in the bombing of Judge McGoorty's home in 1932, and, at right, as he appeared at Indiana trial at which he received new life sentence.

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**END OF HIDE**—Police officers at the spot beside a highway near Detroit, Mich., where the body of Verne Miller, noted Dakota gunman and alleged machine-gunner in the Kansas City Union station massacre, was found. He had been beaten to death, and his body wrapped in blankets and half buried in the slime of the ditch.

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## Fingerprints on Empty Beer Bottle Lead to Verne Miller Identification

**Jack Jenkins, K. C. K. Detective Chief,  
Picks Up Clew Ignored by Others  
Probing Station Massacre.**

Picture on Picture Page

A pile of empty beer and whisky bottles provided investigators with the first real bit of evidence connecting Verne C. Miller, killed Wednesday in Detroit, with the Union station massacre of June 17, and to Jack B. Jenkins, acting chief of detectives of Kansas City, Kas., goes the credit for discovering the evidence.

It was soon after the massacre, in which four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, escaped convict, were killed, that investigators discovered the hideout of the gang of killers in a pretty bungalow near Sixty-sixth street and Edgevale road. While they had that knowledge, none knew the identity of any of the men who made up the gang, since Miller was using the alias of Vernon White.

Jenkins, with a score of detectives and federal agents searched the cottage for some clew to help establish the identity of the killers. All but Jenkins passed up the pile of empty bottles in the basement of the house.

### Finds Miller's Prints.

The Kansas City, Kas., detective chief packed up the bottles carefully and took them to his office and began to study them. Several dozen bottles were treated with an aluminum powder to bring out finger prints, but all of them revealed by this method had been left by women. Finally Jenkins found the print of three fingers on a beer bottle. These were checked with copies in the Kansas City, Kas., files and Verne Miller's identity was established.

With this bit of information as a starting point the government launched the most intensive man-hunt in history. It ended Wednesday when Miller's nude body was discovered in a ditch in Detroit.

The evidence found by Jenkins on the empty beer bottle not only started the government on its search for Miller as the leader of the gang of killers, but it also aided in establishing the identity of his accomplices in the Union station massacre. Until Jenkins turned up the finger prints not a single member of the gang was known.

### Dozen in Tolls.

Federal agents worked swiftly to determine who had been Miller's associates with the result that a dozen have been arrested and charged with complicity in the killing and half a dozen more are sought.

This piece of detective work was not the only one in which Jenkins recently has figured prominently. It was he who last month made it possible to arrest four men, Phillip DeCarlo, Joseph Cherito, Floyd Albin and John Randazzo, in connection with an attempt, under threat of kidnaping, to extort money from Louis Gottlieb, tire dealer, at 502 Independence avenue.

Jenkins, using a process of bringing out finger prints on paper with silver nitrate and other chemicals, revealed the identity of one of the men who had left his palm print on an extortion letter. That job, incidentally cost Jenkins a new suit of clothes. Some of the acid was spilled on the suit while Jenkins was working.

Jenkins was appointed acting chief of the Kansas City, Kas., detectives last spring by William Stone, chief of police.

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## CHILD ADDS MILLER LINK

MRS. VIVIAN MATTHEWS REMEMBERED BY JO ANN ALFORD.

The 9-Year-Old Girl Identifies From Picture the Woman Who Lived Here With Killer.

The retentive memory of Jo Ann Alford, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Alford, 6623 Edgevale road, neighbors of Verne C. Miller when the killer was here, yesterday removed all doubt as to the identity of the young woman known as his wife.

There had been some question as to whether the woman who lived here with Miller, who was known as Moore, was Mrs. Vivian Matthews, alias Vivian Gibson, who Wednesday was sent to federal prison for a year and a day at Chicago.

The picture of Mrs. Matthews which was published in The Star yesterday afternoon, was shown to Jo Ann by her mother.

"Do you know this woman?" Mrs. Alford asked.

"Why, yes, mother," Jo Ann replied. "That's the woman who lived across the street."

### AN AID TO FEDERAL AGENTS.

Jo Ann was the playmate of Betty, the 10-year-old girl who lived with Miller and Mrs. Matthews. Her name is Betty Matthews and she is believed to be living with her grandmother somewhere in Minnesota. It was through Jo Ann that the police and federal agents learned much concerning the living habits of the "Moore."

E. E. Conroy, agent in charge of the division of investigation here, said last night, before Jo Ann clinched the matter, that he was certain the woman was Mrs. Matthews. Mrs. Matthews and her companion, Bobby Moore, were sentenced to federal prison for a year and a day each in Chicago Wednesday for harboring the gangster.

Mr. Conroy also said the men of the department of justice were convinced that Miller was killed by other gangsters who desired him out of the way so the government agents would relax their intensive hunt. As long as he was alive, every known gangster in the country was subject to continuous questioning by federal agents.

### GANGSTERS FEARED QUESTIONING.

Consequently, no gangster felt at ease at any time, never knowing at what moment some federal agent would pluck him by the sleeve and start asking embarrassing questions. Also, from the viewpoint of the gangsters, there was no telling when the agents would take it into their heads to butt in on all sort of criminal activities, and as long as Miller was alive, that possibility was by no means remote. Hence gangland wanted Miller as bad as the government wanted him, and apparently gangland won the contest.

In Chicago yesterday the two women companions of Miller remained stubbornly loyal to him. They are in jail there waiting to be taken to prison for their part in his escape from agents in Chicago November 1.

Bobby Moore, the woman who drove the car in Miller's spectacular escape there, was the first one told of Miller's death.

### PALED, BUT DOES NOT WEEP.

The woman's face paled and her lips trembled, but she did not weep.

"If he's gone," she said slowly, "then it's all over. There's nothing to say."

She went back to her cell which is just below that occupied by Vivian Matthews. Vivian was crying. Although the cells are not connected, Bobby had found a way to communicate the news to Vivian.

The agents have marveled at the loyalty the women have shown toward each other and for Miller. There was no hint of jealousy between the two.

In the investigation of Miller's past life, the government men found he had had many women friends in various parts of the country and all were loyal to him.

Bobby Moore is to be taken to Alderson, W. Va., and Vivian Matthews to Leavenworth to serve their sentences of a year and a day each.

Vivian Matthews was asked yesterday in Chicago about her young daughter, Betty. She declined to talk about the girl.

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# GUNMAN GIVEN LIFE TERM AS 'HABITUAL CRIMINAL'

By United Press

CROWN POINT, Ind.—Life imprisonment was the punishment meted out today to James (Fur) Sammons, Chicago gunman, who was found guilty by a circuit court jury last night on charges of being an habitual criminal.

Sammons also was tried on charges of attempting to bribe a deputy sheriff and after six hours' deliberation the jury found him guilty on both counts. The habitual criminal conviction carries life imprisonment.

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# ARREST AS DRUNK GETS KILLER 'LIFE'

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## Sammons Convicted as Habitual Criminal for Attempted \$200 Bribery.

By the Associated Press.

CROWN POINT, Ind., December 1.—For the second time in his varied career of crime James (Pur) Sammons, killer and Chicago public enemy, today faced the prospect of spending the rest of his days in prison.

The sentence was the state of Indiana's Thanksgiving day "present" to him and, unlike the first time that Sammons went up for life 30 years ago in Illinois after escaping the gallows by a day for a murder, resulted from a comparatively minor charge—attempted bribery of an officer.

However, in convicting him of that the jury also found him guilty of being a habitual criminal, which carries a mandatory life sentence in Indiana.

Just before sentence was passed last night by Judge William J. Murray in Circuit Court while deputy sheriffs armed with shotguns and machine guns guarded the corridors and outside of the court house, Sammons asked to be heard.

"If I'm sent up for life it will be because the witnesses have lied me to prison," he said.

### Picked Up as Drunk.

After dodging Chicago officers who wanted him for forfeiture of bond last Summer in connection with a robbery case and evading extradition to Baltimore on a similar charge at least three times, Sammons fell into the arms of the law in Indiana for intoxication.

He was picked up several weeks ago at Cedar Lake by Deputy Sheriff John Cook and was not identified until he had been placed in a jail cell. But on the way to jail Cook said the fugitive attempted to bribe him with an offer of \$200 and it was upon that that the State's case was built.

The jury required almost five and a half hours to reach a verdict, but said that only five preliminary ballots were taken before agreement was reached. After sentence was passed prosecutors said Sammons would be taken to the Michigan city prison as soon as possible.

The killer has previously succeeded on several occasions in evading extradition to Baltimore, where he was wanted for robbery and had twice forfeited bail in Chicago when charged with major crimes. On both occasions he escaped subsequent incarceration.

Sammons had been held in jail here since his arrest, although his attorneys made several attempts to have bail fixed.

His counsel immediately took steps to appeal the conviction.

Judgment was entered in the Lake County clerk's office 15 minutes after sentence was pronounced, immediately closing any appeal to the Lake County Court from the verdict. Court attaches here said any appeal must be made to a higher court.

Sammons will be taken to prison to begin serving his sentence as soon as it is convenient, it was announced at the sheriff's office. This may be done, it was said, within the next few days.

Plans for his transfer were closely guarded to frustrate any plans of Sammons' associates to liberate him by force.

### Balked Justice Consistently.

His record was such that the Chicago Tribune said editorially, more than a year ago:

"We cannot here examine the legal procedure of which this individual has been subject and finally the beneficiary, or attempt to fix responsibility for results. But the general picture is one of ineffectuality in the process of justice somewhere along the line.

"A persistent malefactor, while subjected to inconvenience and expense, has been able on the whole to evade the more serious penalties and it is not surprising that his experience with the law, irksome as it seemed, no doubt to him, has not yet resulted in discouraging him in his chosen way of life."

The prosecutors had described him as the "worst possible type of criminal," while the defense attorneys said he had been innocent of crime since 1904 when he came within the day of hanging.

Arrested some 30 times since 1923, Sammons has spent 24 of his 50 years in prison. Sammons testified he was too intoxicated to know what he was doing in offering the bribe.

"This man," John Underwood, chief deputy prosecutor, told the jury, "has been convicted as a rapist, robber, murderer of a policeman and burglar. He has lived from crime since he was 15 years old—35 years ago."

Sammons was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in 1900 for attacking an 11-year-old girl with four others. He was paroled February 26, 1903. Two months later he was arrested for the murder of a saloon keeper and was convicted and sentenced to hang.

In 1904, the day before execution of sentence, Gov. Richard Yates commuted his sentence to life imprisonment. In 1917 he escaped, but was recaptured a few months later and identified as a drug store robber. In 1923 Gov. Len Small commuted his sentence.

### Suspect in Murder.

Freed on parole in 1924, Sammons' record became a series of arrests upon various charges.

Among them were frequent arrests for carrying weapons, a suspect in the slaying of Assistant State's Attorney William McSwiggan in 1926, International Harvester Co. hold-up of which he was acquitted, although he forfeited bail of \$35,000 for appearance at trial, and indictment in connection with the Baltimore, Md., hold-up.

He was arrested three times as a fugitive from justice for Baltimore, but each time managed to wriggle free. In 1930 he was returned to Joliet to complete his 1904 sentence for murder after the Supreme Court ruled his parole had been illegal.

However, Sammons was released in 1932 by Judge Edward Shurtleff of Woodstock on a habeas corpus writ. Detainers filed by Baltimore at Joliet went unheeded. He was arrested again last Summer, but forfeited his bond. His name was frequently associated with Al Capone.

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## Sweethearts Told Gangster Is Dead

### Two Girls Must Serve for Helping Him Escape.

Chicago, Nov. 30 (AP).—Two women who loved Verne Miller well enough to risk a prison term learned today that he was dead.

Vivian Matthews became hysterical.

Bobby Moore, who pleaded guilty to driving Miller's car as he escaped from a police trap here early this month, was stoical.

They were awaiting transportation to Federal prisons for a year and a day when they learned of Miller's death at the hands of gangsters near Detroit.

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**WHERE BODY OF VERNE MILLER, GUNMAN, WAS FOUND NEAR DETROIT.**  
Policemen at spot beside highway near Detroit where body of notorious gangster and killer was found. Miller was beaten to death and his body wrapped in blankets and bound with rope.

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# VERNE MILLER'S WOMEN WEEP OVER HIS DEATH

## Learn of Slaying in Their Bridewell Cells.

(Picture on back page.)

Vivian Gibson and Bobbie Moore, two of the women in Verne Miller's life, received news of his death yesterday with conflicting emotions. One month ago they helped the little desperado escape a trap set by government agents at the Sherone hotel, 4423 Sheridan road. For this both were sentenced on Wednesday to serve a year and a day in federal prison. The body of Miller, who had been beaten to death, was found in a roadside ditch near Detroit on Tuesday and was identified Wednesday.

Both women are being held in the Bridewell. Bobbie Moore was notified first of Miller's death. Diminutive and red-haired, she came sullenly into the visitors' room at the Bridewell, wearing striped denim uniform and cotton stockings.

"Know about Verne, Bobbie?" the caller asked. She shook her head.

**Verne Is Knocked Off.**

"Somebody knocked him off, up in Detroit. Thought you'd heard."

The girl's face paled and her lower lip trembled, but she did not weep.

"If he's gone," she said slowly, "then it's all over with. There's nothing to say."

"What sort of a guy was he, Bobbie?"

"Didn't I just tell you," she snapped with spirit, "there's nothing to say?" She went back to her cell, which is directly below that occupied by the Gibson woman. Although they were not allowed to communicate, in some fashion Bobbie relayed the information to the tier above her, for when the visitor reached Vivian's cell she was crying.

"Vi" Gibson also has red hair, but is taller than Bobbie. She did not cease weeping nor raise her face from her hands at first. Then in a fit of hysteria she raged at the caller and demanded to be left alone. At sound of her shrieks Bobbie Moore also gave way to tears.

**Neither Aids Government.**

Government agents arrested the Gibson woman in Miller's hotel room. Miss Moore braved machine gun fire and drove Miller out of the police trap. She surrendered a few days later. Neither gave any information as to Miller's whereabouts.

The Moore woman is the widow of J. W. Harris, a New York gangster

who was slain several years ago. She has two children. Miss Gibson is said to have a daughter who is living with her grandfather, a Brainerd, Minn., farmer.

The two prisoners will be taken to the penitentiary today, Vivian to Leavenworth and Bobbie to Alderson, W. Va.

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# BLANKETS ONLY CLEW TO KILLER OF VERNE MILLER

## Four Other Detroit Gang Deaths in Week Also Mystery to Authorities.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Two blankets which were wrapped around the body of Verne Miller and a few none too promising tips were the only clues held by federal agents and the Detroit police today as they continued their search for the slayers of the gunman who, officers say, figured in the Kansas City Union station killings last summer.

Also at a virtual stalemate were the investigations of four other slayings committed in and about Detroit this week.

Miller's body was found in a roadside ditch on the outskirts of the city Wednesday. His head had been beaten in.

In their efforts to trace the blankets found with Miller's body detectives hoped to determine with whom Miller had been associating in Detroit since he arrived in the city Oct. 28 after he had shot his way out of a police trap in Chicago.

The search for the slayers of Abe Axler and Eddie Fletcher, two members of the Purple gang who were found shot to death early Sunday, today turned to two men Sheriff Roy Reynolds of Oakland county said were seen with them in a Pontiac beer garden late Saturday night.

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**MILLER SLAYING  
LAID TO GANG**

DETROIT, Dec. 2 (By International News Service).—Verne C. Miller, notorious Midwest killer, whose mutilated nude body was found in a ditch here Wednesday night, was slain by four Chicago gangsters for his paid murder of Gus Winkler in Chicago a month ago, detectives announced today.

The Chicago gangsters trailed Miller here and found him before Department of Justice agents who had been trailing him.

"We have learned the Chicago gangsters were here to get Miller," Fred Frahm, chief of detectives, revealed today. "We expect to learn their identities and link them with Miller's murder."

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## Miller's Sweethearts Receive Death News in Marked Contrast

When the news of Verne Miller's fatal "one-way ride" in Detroit reached the Bridewell it produced contrasting emotions on Vivian Matthews and Bobby Moore, red-haired accomplices of Miller, who has been called America's greatest outlaw since Jesse James. Vivian and Bobby are confined in the Bridewell awaiting transfer to a federal prison to serve sentences of a year and a day each for aiding his escape from a police trap set for him here recently.

Informed by reporters of Miller's murder Bobby, who is said to have been his sweetheart, received the news with the traditional stoicism of gangdom.

"Well, he always said the police would never get him," she com-



Verne Miller

mented as she continued her Thanksgiving dinner.

Vivian, however, broke into tears when told of Miller's death, and was found later in her cell sobbing hysterically, her face buried in a dish towel.

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## 'Drunk' Puts Killer In Jail for Life

### Sammons Goes to Prison as Habitual Criminal.

Michigan City, Ind., Dec. 1 (AP).—James Sammons, notorious gunman and robber in a dozen spectacular crimes, today became No. 16458 in the Indiana Penitentiary.

Sentenced as an habitual criminal, Sammons must spend the rest of his life behind bars unless freed by pardon, parole or a new trial.

He is wanted in Illinois and Maryland for pay-roll robberies. He was sentenced here for trying to bribe an officer who arrested him while drunk.

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## MILLER-KILLING HELD REVENGE

DETROIT, Dec. 2 (U.S.)—Was Verne Miller, notorious gunman, slain in revenge for the killing of Gus Winkler, Chicago gang chief?

Or did Miller's own pals put him to death for fear he might be captured and forced to "squeal" on them?

Detroit police weighed these two theories tonight as they sought vainly to solve the murder of the one-time Dakota sheriff. His nude and mutilated body was found on a suburban road last Wednesday. He had been stabbed repeatedly through the brain.

Miller, who is reputed to have taken part in some of the most desperate crimes of the last several years, was particularly wanted for the machine-gun slaying of four officers and a prisoner in the Union Station at Kansas City last summer.

Department of Justice agents were close on his trail when the discovery of his body ended their search.

The Gus Winkler theory was advanced today by Inspector Fred Frahm, chief of Detroit detectives. Frahm said he learned from an authoritative source that Miller was slain by Chicago gangsters in revenge for the death of Winkler. The latter was shot to death in Chicago October 9. Chicago police believe he was slain because he intended to "squeal" about a mail robbery.

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### GUNMAN TO GET HONORS

Military Rites Planned for Man  
Found Dead in Detroit.

HURON, S. Dak., December 3 (AP)—Military rites were planned for the funeral of Verne C. Miller, notorious gunman found slain on the outskirts of Detroit Wednesday.

L. W. Barnes, funeral director and former commander of the American Legion in South Dakota, said the rites were planned in view of Miller's service in the Army during the World War. Services will be held Wednesday at White Lake, the home of Miller's father, and the body then will be brought here where his widow, Mrs. Mildred M. Miller, lives.

The Millers were separated about five years ago, but never divorced.

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## Injured Man Held As Bandit Floyd

*N.Y. Eve. Post 12/4/33*  
 Arkansas Officials Await Positive Identification of Automobile Victim

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 4 (AP).—Two women identified by Constable Jack Pace and Deputy Constable Otto Kykendall as the wife and cousin of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious Oklahoma outlaw, and a man believed to be Floyd were under guard in a hospital here today following an accident in which the three were injured.

Another man, Fred Stiles, Fort Smith, believed to be the driver of the automobile when the crash occurred late last night near Charleston, Ark., died at a hospital here early today. The man believed by officers to be Floyd gave his name as Bob Carney of Fort Smith.

Pace and Kuykendall, in regard to Floyd, said: "We request you to announce that a positive identification has not been made yet. We are not sure that is is Floyd. It looks like him. He answers the description in every way."

The man believed to be Floyd was suffering from a broken leg. The women identified as Mrs. Floyd and the cousin, Miss Collins, were both bruised and cut.

"One of the women hurt in the accident," Kuykendall said, "states when asked her name, 'I am Mrs. Ruby Floyd.'"

Attendants at St. Edwards Mercy Hospital said the man held there under the name of Carney, insisted he was not hurt seriously, and that he was leaving immediately. He wanted it made known that he had left, they said.

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### Hurt With Outlaw's Kin, Floyd's "Double" Held

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 4 (AP).—A man, described by an officer who knew Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd as his "exact double," was held under a police guard at a hospital several hours today until it was established he was not the Oklahoma outlaw. The man was injured in an automobile accident with Floyd's wife and niece.

Another man, identified as Fred Stiles, of Fort Smith, was injured fatally in the accident, which occurred near Charleston, Ark.

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By the Associated Press.

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The man believed by officers to be Floyd, gave his name to newsmen and hospital attendants as Bob Carney, of Fort Smith. He was not questioned by police, but was placed under a police guard pending the arrival of Raymond Drake, officer of Sallisaw, Okla., with fingerprints. Floyd was born at Sallisaw.

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**ESCAPED CONVICT TAKES  
BRIDE DURING PURSUIT**

By United Press

COALGATE, Okla. — Wilbur Underhill, desperado widely sought thruout the Southwest, was married here Nov. 18, it was revealed today.

The "Tri-State Terror," who escaped from the Kansas state prison last Memorial Day with Harvey Bailey and nine others, applied for his license in person.

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# FIGHTS LIFE SENTENCE

HAMMOND, Ind., December 7 (AP).—Attorneys for James (Fur) Sammons, recently imprisoned in Michigan City Penitentiary for life as an habitual criminal, yesterday filed a motion for a new trial.

Among objections to the trial at Crown Point, the motion alleged irregularities in the court proceedings; that exhibits were introduced which should not have been permitted, and that the court abused its discretion in several ways, one being refusal to grant a change of venue.

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## WEATHER

FORECAST—For Chicago and vicinity; fair and colder, lowest about 15 to 18 tonight; Friday increasing cloudiness; rising temperature in late afternoon; diminishing north west winds becoming variable.  
W. P. DAY, Forecaster.  
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C. Rose, 8.40; G. Elston, 4.40  
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S. Brown, 13.00; Mrs. Let, 3.60  
El Puma, 3.00; Jodie K., 5.80

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Foxie Six, 6.40; Mathias, 23.00  
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Southard, 13.00; Pyramide, 5.20  
Gracias, 23.00; Hosana, 6.40

## TON DOWNS

## DOLLAR SINKS, WORLD CRISIS LOOMING, AS POUND HITS \$5.14

BY ROBERT F. VANDERPOEL,  
Financial Editor

As rumblings of a world-wide economic war grew louder, the American dollar plunged to a new low level today and stocks and commodities in the United States advanced with vigor.

Trading in stocks was the most active it has been in some weeks, with prices moving briskly forward. Farm and commodity shares led the upturn.  
In the last half hour the stock market turned downward and in many cases small losses were substituted for early advances.  
Grains were strong on the Chicago Board of Trade, with wheat and rye closing more than 2 cents a bushel higher.  
In the foreign exchange markets for the first time since the Civil

War period, the British pound passed the five-dollar mark in relation to American currency. In New York the pound was quoted at \$5.15 1/2 at the day's peak and closed at \$5.14. In London it closed at \$5.02 1/2, but was several cents higher in unofficial quotations later. This compares with an old par of \$4.86 1/2 and with a quotation of around \$4.80 before the United States left the gold standard.  
The Reconstruction Finance Corporation  
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He said the personal company made \$2,632,962 profit in the pool in 1929, but had paid no income tax on it because the company operated at a net loss for the year.

He said he did not know why \$300,000 was paid out of the pool's

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Before Cutten took the stand John J. Raskob, former chairman of the Democratic national committee.

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# CUBAN REBELS FLY 20 FLAGS TO GIVE UP FORT



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## HACKETT, LYNCH AND 8 OTHER CASES SOLVED; FOUR ARRESTED

### Full Confession \$900,000 'Fees' of Kidnapers Says Purvis

BY MILTON S. MAYER

It was still dark outside. Bright electric lights were burning in the dining room of a large home on the outskirts of Chicago. About a dozen police officers, in plain clothes, stood around the walls. More entered and left at intervals. There were no guns or revolvers visible.

Seated at the table in the middle of the room were three men. Their names were Frank Sonder, Dave Jones and Gail Swolley. These three men were prisoners. A month ago they were the leaders of the toughest and largest gang of kidnapers in the country.

Their operations had been nationwide. During the last three years they had taken more than half a million dollars in cash from relatives of the men they had kidnaped, men who, in every instance, were engaged in businesses the nature of which precluded the possibility of their going to the law.

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BY ALBERT F. BAENZIGER

Intimate details of the manner in which two separate kidnap gangs collected \$900,000 in tribute by kidnappings in the Chicago area were bare today through state and federal circles.

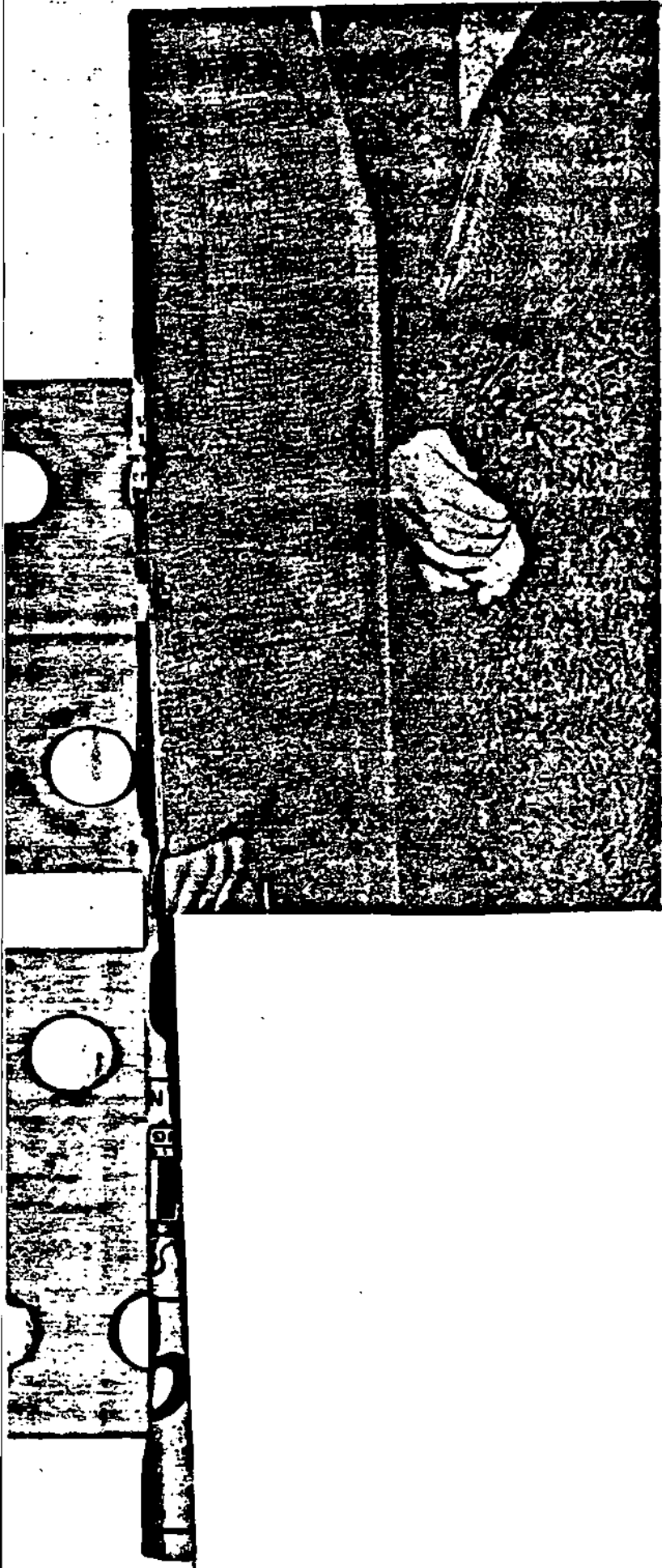
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#### Long List of Crime

The law wanted to punish these fallen outlaws, and to capture their confederates who were still at large. Besides, the law had a long list of crimes to be solved—murders, bank holdups, mail robberies. Murder and robbery are not beneath men who kidnap. The law wanted to learn the histories of the members of this gang, dead and alive, prisoners and fugitives.

There is only one way to learn the whole story of criminals who have operated under different names and with different associates over a period of years. That is by a confession of the men themselves.

In the case of the members of this gang, confessions were absolutely necessary. In the first place, it had operated so subtly and so efficiently that its history was un-

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#### HOURLY TEMPERATURES.

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(See story on Page 2.)

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Those who are held are:

FRANK SOUDER, of Benton, Ill., seized in his home.

DAVE ("BABB") JONES, of St. Charles, Ill., seized in that city.

GAIL SWOLLEY, of Peoria, Ill., seized in a restaurant there.

#### THEIR AMBITIONS HIGH.

The confessions made disclose the fact that the ambitions of this gang rose above the underworld. In addition to the known lawbreakers whom they "snatched," they had designs on William ("Billy") Skidmore, long reputed to be the gambling czar of Chicago. One of them even admitted that they intended to undertake other kidnappings, even including Mayor Kelly.

Responsibility for at least ten sensational kidnappings was admitted in the confessions given early today to Assistant State's Attorney Coghlan and Mr. Roche. The confessions implicated several other members who are now fugitives.

#### HELD IN SECRET.

The confessions were obtained early today, in a house on the outskirts of the city, where the kidnapers were taken, one by one, following their capture, and held in secrecy.

Some of the kidnappings perpetrated by the gang were:

WILLIAM URBAN, Peoria gambler. Held in a home in Joliet. Freed for \$100,000.

JAMES WARD, Chicago Heights bootlegger. Held in Decatur. Freed for \$45,000.

JOHN J. LYNCH, head of a company furnishing service to bookmakers in Chicago. Held at Powers Lake, north of Lake Geneva. Freed for \$30,000.

JAMES HACKETT, Blue Island gambler. Held in Aurora. Free.

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# SMASH \$500,000 ABDUCTION

## HACKETT, LYNCH AND EIGHT OTHER CASES SOLVED

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for \$15,000. Kidnaped a second time. Freed again for a \$15,000 "down payment."

**JACK RIVEAS**, Aurora gambler. Held in Aurora. Freed for \$11,000. Two other Aurora men, freed for \$11,000 each.

**WILLIAM OLLINGER**, Aurora gambler. Freed for \$15,000.

**MAT KERSCH**, partner of Ollinger. Fought off kidnapers twice.

**ALBERT**, ("Alabama Kid") BLAIR, alias Brown, Savannah confidence man. Escaped in attempted kidnaping.

Two Burlington, Iowa, gamblers and bootleggers. Each freed for \$15,000.

The ferocity of the gang was indicated in the kidnaping of Lynch in August, 1931. Al Capone himself tried to intercede for the race track owner and was warned to keep away, or else. The nation's toughest gangster took the warning. Lynch paid \$50,000.

In the capture of Blair, the gang lost the only one of its members the law has ever taken alive. "Nose" Gallagher was shot and captured on that occasion. He was sentenced to forty-five years by a Georgia court, but the State Supreme Court reversed the decision.

Gallagher is now dying of tuberculosis in his home in Joliet.

### PARTS OF THREE GANGS

Other members of the gang, which was composed of remnants of the Shelton brothers' gang of southern Illinois, of the Egan rats of East St. Louis, and of Peoria and Joliet criminals, are Dean Swolley, brother to Gail, Jack Klutas, Eddie La Rue and Eddie Wagner.

Two of the original crowd that "snatched" Urban in 1930 are dead. They were Eddie Nicholson of East St. Louis and Phil Wilson, alias Roy Nolan, a Texas bank robber, both killed in gun battles.

It was the hope of authorities of rounding up the entire gang before news of the drive leaked out that led them to seize the kidnapers quietly—one by one—and hold them without placin' charges.

### WRIT DISCLOSES ARREST

Yesterday two attorneys for Souder, James M. Burke and George Crane, appeared before Judge Sullivan to institute habeas corpus proceedings, demanding that Souder be released by any governmental agency that held him.

Capt. Dan Gilbert of the state's attorney's office told the court that Souder was being held by three of State's Attorney Courtney's policemen and that formal charges of kidnaping would be filed against him today. The story of the smashing of the gang was then disclosed, started of murdering a girl.

### CONTINUANCE BOUGHT

Souder's attorneys appeared before Judge Sullivan again today and the Prosecutor James F. Cunningham asked the court to grant the state a forty-eight-hour continuance before hearing the plea for the release of Souder. He said:

"This is a capital case, and it is important that the court consider the state all the privileges it can."

Souder's attorney said that the kidnaper's wife was frantic for her husband's safety and had not seen him or heard from him since he was taken from his home by the authorities.

They asked that Souder be produced in open court, and the judge ordered. Mr. Cunningham said that Souder was at the scene of one of the kidnapings with Capt. Gilbert, but that he would be there in

who is about 30, to go to the jury room and talk privately with his attorney and his wife, an attractive, handsomely dressed young woman.

The court then ruled that Souder may remain in the custody of the state's attorney today, but must either be liberated or booked by 10 p. m. The hearing on the writ was continued until tomorrow morning.

Officials refused to discuss the case publicly, but State's Attorney Courtney issued the following statement:

"Having the interest of the state and the people of Illinois uppermost in our minds, and looking forward to the conviction of this notorious gang, I am in no position to make a statement at this particular moment. We expect progress shortly."

### DETAILS KEPT SECRET

Capt. Gilbert said that most of the details of the rounding up of the gang are in the possession of Roche. He said that three policemen had been assigned to assist Roche, who asked for help but did not vouchsafe much information to the state's attorney's office. The policemen are Lieut. Frank Johnson and Officers Joseph Healy and Patrick McNamara.

Capt. Gilbert said that Ward, the Chicago Heights gambler, whom the kidnapers admit was one of their victims, is now ill and it is unlikely that he will identify any of the gang. "Lynch, another victim, claims he did not recognize his kidnapers and that he did not pay them any ransom, according to Capt. Gilbert.

### ROCHE LEADS CAPTURE

Roche, it was learned, with the two men who were his assistants in the state's attorney's office, William Wendt and Joe White, learned the secrets of the gang, identified its members, and then went to the authorities to ask help in capturing them.

Roche's detective agency was engaged by Hackett, who had been kidnaped once, had paid \$75,000, and was threatened with kidnaping again. The gang decided to take him a second time when they learned, through underground channels, that the federal government wanted him for failure to pay \$354,000 income tax. The gang felt that the \$75,000 they had obtained the first time was just small change for a man who was accused of defrauding the government out of \$354,000.

Roche tapped telephone wires and followed suspects even before Hackett was actually taken the second time. Hackett was turned loose the second time for \$1,500, the rest to be paid in installments. One of the installments—Hackett pleaded he didn't have cash—was a diamond ring, with which Roche established evidence.

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known. Even its existence had never been suspected.

In the second place, the victims had been so thoroughly terrorized that even now they refused to identify their assailants, fearing reprisal from those who were still outside the net of the law.

### Pat Roche There

Sitting at the table, under the blazing chandelier, with the three prisoners were three other men—Pat Roche, once chief investigator for the state's attorney of Cook County and the private detective, who traced the gang to its hiding places; Mal Coghlan, one of State's Attorney Courtney's staff of assistants, and a stenographer.

Courtney himself had just left the house with Capt. Dan Gilbert of his staff. With them had left two victims of the gang—John J. Lynch, who had paid \$50,000 for his freedom after Al Capone had interceded in his behalf in vain, and James Hackett, who had paid \$75,000 for his release, had been kidnaped a second time, and had paid another \$75,000.

Other victims of the gang had

been taken during the night had left.

The room was filled with them. But it was silent. The eyes of the men, the detectives and prosecutor were fixed on the prisoners. A clock ticked. 2:07 a. m. One of the prisoners drew a deep breath. He said, slowly—

—well—

He leaned back into silence, rubbed his chin and looked chandler. He drew another breath, and began again, the without hesitation.

"The first snatching we was in 1930. We decided to kidnap Urban, a Peoria Mer. It was easy. He coughed up a hundred. This snatching was the first tip from Kansas City. I low was a card sharp. remember his name. He Urban had plenty of dough."

"Boy Nolan—maybe you him better by the name Wilson—Frank Souder Klutas—called Handsome—Eddie La Rue, Eddie N. and Eddie Wagner were that one."

"We picked up Urban and him to a bungalow in Joliet we took him to Souder Urban's wife coughed dough. That was easy d

## Ward Next Victim, Released for \$45,000 Ransom

Ward came next. The Chicago Heights guy, Nolan, Wagner, Souder, Klutas and Babe Jones were in with me on this job. We got a house across the street from Ward and watched him for a month.

"Finally we got him on the back porch. Ward has a daughter who's got plenty of guts. When we started to take him from the back porch she ran inside and got a gun and fired three shots at us. One of the boys knocked her down. We had to slug Ward, too."

"We took him downtown to Peoria and held him four days. His wife came through with \$45,000. She paid it to Souder at a meet in Decatur."

There was no interruption. The police and prosecutors had heard enough underworld vernacular to understand that a "meet" is the place where kidnapers order a friend or relative of the victim to appear with the ransom money.

### Hackett, First Time

The man went on: "Hackett was No. 2. I don't remember exactly, but I think it was around May 1, 1931. It was at the Navajo Country Club. "Souder, Wagner, Klutas, La Rue, Nolan—alias Phil Wilson—

and I picked him up at the clubhouse. We took house on Front st. to We kept Hackett—the —forty-eight hours, as Mrs. Hackett came thr \$35,000, which she gave—and she'd be able t him."

"Incidentally, there details in the payoff w recall." He turned to Roche this.

"Souder was driving red light on 157th st. a Island, and a high chased him and shot a cop was a hell of a ge he hit our tires."

"We were finally for on him. We ran him Some of the crowd and we left him the he was dead. We the to Aurora and split. Then the car was tal and burned."

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## Recall Incidents to Hackett That He'd Forgotten

"Do you know, when we were talking to Hackett here a little while ago, we reminded him of things he had done in Hot Springs that he had forgotten all about? That's how good we had him spotted. "But there was a slip-up at Peoria. The crowd missed him. We laid for him at the country club and got him there. "After the Hackett snatching, we had him and we had

looking boy—E. Babe Jones and I were in on that job that the cottage a was too far away; got a tip—that could trust—out o The story was in Joliet White, who was Mr. Roche's in the state's attorney's office and Ward





# RING WITH FOUR ARREST

## Kidnapers' Amazing Confession!



James Hackett, Blue Island gambling king, whose \$75,000 ransom kidnaping has been solved, authorities claim, through the arrest and confession of four men here.

was the one who gave the signal that the big Studebaker with Lynch in it was coming down the road. He started out ahead in his car and the two men on the porch followed.

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### Traces Information

"Before I go further, let me say we learned that there was a grocery woman who saw the chase and took the numbers of the cars

know about the kidnaping and Klutas told him that he didn't know anything about the kidnaping, to find out about it.

"Klutas came back and said, 'We've got to move. Things are getting too hot. Let's take him to Joliet.'"

"Nichols was keeping a 'jane' down in Joliet in a bungalow, so we had to drive around a while in Joliet while we took the 'jane' out and sent her up to Chicago. Then we took Lynch there and held him there for five days.

"While we were down there we were checking on all radio calls and that's where we got your call that asked for all highway coppers and near-by dicks to look out for this big Studebaker car."

### Deft to Al Capone

"We called Lynch's wife first and then got in touch with Marty Guffey and told him to get in touch with Capone. Capone then called and he was told in very short words that we didn't want any 'grasse balls' in the case and to keep his hands off.

"Capone wanted us to come in and finally he was given his instructions. He was told to go to the Thomas Hotel in Blue Island and take a room there and there he would get a call. And later on, he did and he was called

there and he was told to send one guy—he wanted to send two—with the money.

"To the boys went down in the same Studebaker that had been broadcasted and met Capone's man and put a machine gun on him, told him to get out and hand out the dough.

"This was on the Governor's highway between Rankakee and Chicago Heights and \$5,000 'smackers' were turned over then."

"Then we took the car to Bourbonnais, where there is a girl's school and there it was burned."

"You'll remember, Pat, that's where you found it the next day."

### Your Victim Taken

"The next job was in Burlington, Iowa, where we picked up two and got 15,000 bucks. One of them was a brother-in-law of a nationally known gambler, Jack Silvers of Aurora, was the next victim. We got eleven grand there."

"Olinger, whose first name I can't remember, came next and that 'snatch' was worth \$15,000. And then we tried to get to Kerach. We never did get Kerach. The first time we went through the front door of the house and he got out the back, and the second time we had a regular battle, but he got away again."

"Following the second attempt State's Attorney Carberry came in to see you, Pat."

## Roche Remembers Doubts of Instructions Letter

Here Roche interjected:

"Yes, that was the case in which Carberry brought in a letter giving instructions for Kerach to buy three or four shirts in which \$10,000 was to be placed, and then sent through the mails to somebody in Argo."

"I recall I thought the instructions sounded 'phony,' but in response to the request of Carberry I did send four of my men dressed in overalls to follow the package which was mailed in Aurora and sent to somebody in Argo."

The prisoner verified Roche's comment with:

### Innocent Boy Jailed

"You're right, Pat. This was sent to a fellow in Argo who turned out to be a crippled boy, purposely to take the gang off our heels. The 'Secret Six' pinched the boy and he is still in jail and I might say now he's an innocent boy—he was just a bill to take the trail away from us. It's a shame! They ought to let the boy out!"

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was given to a kidnaping in Chicago.

### Try to Set Free

"Later on Jim was taken out and told to bring a car to a route 66. I told him to get up and follow instructions, but he to bring any dough. And he met 'Babe' Jones. I don't know if I had men all around him or not. I talked to him for half an hour. Incidentally, Jim came back to where Walter Weir and I were. I told a story about not having paid 'Babe' a cent, and he never for Florida the next day."

"But the facts are he offered 'Babe' Jones \$100,000 and later gave him \$10,000 when 'Babe' wouldn't listen to the idea of him who the guy was the next singer on him."

"'Babe' took the \$10,000 and gave him a car. I don't know if he followed 'Babe' or not, but don't think he had anything to do with it."

"Those are the worst things I can think of that are off the big jobs."

jumped out and put their guns on Hackett and Frank Carney, who was with him, and took them to another car that 'Babe' Jones was in and later on took Carney back to Hackett's car and went to Blue Island, where they let Carney go to tell Hackett's wife to get fifty grand and have it ready.

"They never did collect that time because it got so hot that they finally let Hackett go."

Roche interrupted with: "Yes, it got so hot because Carney called me and by this time I knew where your hideout was. I called Blaul at the bureau and we waited for the call to come which would tell where the \$50,000 ransom was to be paid. Instead of that, you let Jim loose and he finally phoned us himself that he was free. This was right at the time that a life sentence

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"Before I go farther, later on we learned that there was a grocery woman who saw the chase and took the numbers of the cars as they passed and that's how you (Roche) learned the description of the Lincoln car which you put on the air and which we caught from the air—wasn't it?"

Roche replied:

"Yeah."

(The confession continued.)

"Well we got Lynch to Aurora to the same house on Front st. but he fought all the way through, had two ribs broken and five teeth knocked out. We held him twelve hours and Klutas got a call from Capone from Chicago.

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### Hackett Taken Again

"And while we were making plans, some of the gang went back to hijacking alcohol. While they were waiting on a road between Joliet and Chicago they saw Hackett go by again on the way to the golf club."

"They waited until he finished, came out again and followed to the Rock Island tracks, where he had to stop to let a train go by and Souters and Wagner, who were in the car following him,

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## DEATH OF A GUNMAN

The other day a famed leader of public opinion suggested that in order to make the war upon crime more effective, advertisements should be placed in the papers telling about the penalties for crime, its costs, and the fate of criminals.

Although the law did not catch up with Verne Miller, his ghastly death in Detroit was so typically the result of leading the life of a gunman that it might well be the subject for the first of such advertisements. No youth could contemplate the life and death of Verne Miller, and find such a career alluring.

Verne Miller once had been aligned with the forces of law and order, serving as a South Dakota sheriff. The records are not clear as to how or why he abandoned that cause and went traitorously to the enemy, the criminal foes of society. It is probable that he began, like Harvey Bailey, by more or less innocuous bootlegging. One thing led to another, one desperate situation called for more desperate means of escape, and so Verne Miller became a gunman. He capped the climax of his crimes by the cowardly and bestial participation in the Union station massacre at Kansas City last June, when four peace officers were slain in an ambush intended to rescue another criminal, who was himself killed in the attempt.

Then Verne Miller, who had previously been outlawed, became the object of a relentless man-hunt. Never did he know peace, never security. Once or twice the police nearly caught up with him; and although they failed, friends who had aided him were netted, and are in prison. Finally the find was made in a miserable ditch near Detroit of the body of Verne Miller, naked, beaten to death, trussed up in a plank, cast contemptuously aside. He came to his end at the hands of the men with whom he associated as a pal, comrade and friend. He was killed by his own kind. His death was the fitting monument to his own foul and unspeakable life.

Let, then, that death be advertised. For it shows the truth of an old axiom, too often forgotten, that the wages of sin is death. The reporter who gazed upon that body said in his story that Verne Miller's courage had never been questioned. That was a careless remark to make about a man who had chosen to fire, with a machine gun and by surprise, upon a group of peace officers in a crowded big city. One may seriously question such courage.

And one may question still more the courage

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# ALLEGED AID OF UNDERHILL IS CAPTURED

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Leader of Gang Barely  
Makes Escape From  
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**TWO FALL INTO NET**

'Tri-State Terror' Is  
Reported Ill; One  
Captive Freed.

SEMINOLE, Dec. 14.—(P)—Two suspected accomplices of Wilbur Underhill, fugitive desperado, in the machine gun robbery of the First National bank of Coalgate, were captured Thursday night shortly after Underhill barely made his escape.

Jake Sims, Seminole police chief, said the captured men were Bruce Brady, reputedly a brother of Bob "Big Boy" Brady, who escaped with Underhill from the Kansas state prison last Memorial day, and Houston Nash, at whose father's home the posse lay in wait. Nash later was released.

Underhill, reported ill, barely made his getaway.

**Lost Reported Recovered**  
Some of the bank loot was reported recovered and the two captives were taken to Ada.

The possemen included Seminole and Pontotoc county officers, A. B. Cooper, state operative, and Bill Eads, of the Oklahoma county sheriff's force.

The Coalgate bank was robbed of \$3,000 Wednesday by three machine-guns who took five persons with them as shields to aid in their escape. The five were freed after a short ride, and the robbers' trail was lost in the timbered hills between Ada and Coalgate.

Underhill, who earned the sobriquet, "Tri-State-Terror," for his trail of crime in the Oklahoma-Kansas-Missouri lead and zinc district, was suspected as one of the bank robbers because of the car used by the Coalgate machine-guns.

## Linked in Urschel Case

He is known to have hidden in this territory frequently since his Memorial day escape with ten other convicts from the Kansas prison, where he was serving a life sentence for the killing of a Wichita policeman.

Among others who escaped from the Kansas prison with Underhill, was Harvey Bailey, convicted as one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man, and sentenced to life in the federal penitentiary.

## ONE CAPTIVE HAS POLICE RECORD HERE

Police records here show Bruce M. Brady, 34 years old, a brother of Bob Brady, was arrested at Park place and Stonewall avenues January 4 by Webb Campbell, police scout, and Douglas Gates, his partner, killed in a gun battle here recently.

At the time of his arrest Brady was reported wanted at Ardmore in a burglary investigation and at Blanchard in a car theft investigation, but he was released later, according to H. A. Thompson, police bureau of records head.

Brady was said to have been an associate of Ace Edmondston, notorious bank robber. Brady had no penitentiary record and said his previous occupation was selling life insurance. He gave his mother's name as Mrs. Selma Ross of Ardmore.

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# **Bandit Underhill Lucky**

**Escapes With Officers Within  
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SEMINOLE, Okla., Dec. 15 (AP).—  
 A foray into the hills which, officers  
 said, took them within a stone's  
 throw of Wilbur Underhill intensi-  
 fied the search today for the fugi-  
 tive killer.

Chief of Police Jake Sims, mem-  
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### Underhill Bandit Aids Captured by Possemen

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Underhill, reported ill, barely made his getaway, the possemen said. He is wanted on murder and robbery charges.

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# THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1933.

## CLOSE CALL FOR UNDERHILL.

Barely Escapes Oklahoma Posse—  
 One Man Held.

(By the Associated Press.)

SEMINOLE, OK., Dec. 14.—Wilbur Underhill, fugitive Kansas' killer, slipped away into the Southeastern Oklahoma hills barely ahead of a posse tonight, but the officers came home with one captive.

Declaring Underhill eluded capture "by seventy-five yards" when the searchers descended upon a house between here and Ada, Jake Sims, police chief of Seminole, said Bruce Brady, reputedly a brother of Bob Brady, who escaped with Underhill last Memorial day from the Kansas state prison, was being held at Ada.

Arrested with Brady, Chief Sims said, was Houston Nash, at whose father's home the arrests were made. Nash later was released.

Considerable secrecy was thrown around the capture by the possemen, Sheriff Bob Kaiser of Ada declaring earlier he knew nothing about the arrests. Sims, one of the leaders of the posse, confirmed them, however, and said over \$15 in nickels and dimes, believed taken in yesterday's robbery of the First National Bank at Coalgate, was seized by the possemen.

It was Bruce Brady, said Sims, who reputedly was "best man" at Underhill's recent wedding at Coalgate.

Underhill and two other machine-gunners have been sought for yesterday's Coalgate bank robbery, and Chief Sims said Brady would be held for an inquiry into this and for investigation as to Underhill's whereabouts.

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## SCRIPT-EXPERT SHOWS WORK

J. Holbert Byram, world-famous authority on the science of handwriting, will be in Lansburgh's today and tomorrow, in the stationery department, street floor, to analyze the handwritings of Lansburgh's customers.

He is making his initial appearance in Washington in connection with a device perfected by him known as the Graph-o-log.

This invention is based on scientific principles known for generations; in fact, for 300 years the science of reading character through handwriting has been studied, the results have been checked thousands of times, and the percentage of error has been found to be extremely small, according to Mr. Byram.

Mr. Byram, formerly director of the American Guild of Graphologists, has been a consultant for psychologists for a good many years and has been used by many courts throughout the country to give testimony in important cases of contested wills, forgeries, and kidnappings.

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# Underhill, Gangster, Shot by Possemen and Trapped Shivering in Underwear



WILBUR UNDERHILL

## Notorious Outlaw Crawls Away After Being Hurt; Wife Is Captured

By United Press

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Wilbur Underhill, notorious killer and desperado, was captured here today, a few hours after he was wounded by a hail of machine gun slugs from guns of possemen.

Underhill was captured by a traffic squad of Shawnee police as he hid behind a downtown building clad only in his underwear and his body torn by machine gun and shotgun slugs.

### CROUCHING IN TERROR

Officers cruised the city after his escape from the posse which raided a house here. They found him crouching in terror, they said, behind the building.

His wife of less than two months was in jail. Two persons at the house from which he escaped earlier in the morning were in a hospital with gunshot wounds.

The wounded desperado himself was rushed to the city hospital for attention. His wounds were believed critical.

### HIT IN STOMACH

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## Underhill Captured by Oklahoma Posse

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The desperado was sleeping in a lean-to room adjoining the house, and when officers entered, he leaped from the window and fled across the fields in his car which was parked close up against the building.

Nash was arrested and has been held in the Muskogee Federal jail on a charge of harboring Underhill.

### ROUTED FROM BED

The desperado, his wife and their companions were routed from bed to day between 3 and 4 a. m.

Underhill, in his underwear, answered a knock at the front door. The house is in northwest Shawnee in a good residential section.

When he saw the callers were officers, he began shooting. The officers meantime had released much tear gas. A heavy fog prevailed. As Underhill opened fire, an officer sprayed the house with a machine gun.

Underhill dropped. It was presumed he was wounded, and the riders turned their attention to others in the house.

### RAN AWAY

They discovered Underhill had jumped up and run away to the west. Another officer fired a shot gun after him. He dropped again and crawled away in the fog.

Bloodhounds were ordered from the state prison at McAlester and plans made for a search of the city when the traffic squad encountered the wounded man shivering in the alley. Mrs. Underhill surrendered without resistance. She appeared to be partially intoxicated, officers said, and went to sleep as soon as taken to jail.

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## OUTLAW CAPTURED IN PITCHED BATTLE WITH FEDERAL MEN

Pal of Bailey in Memorial Day Escape And  
Carnival of Bloodshed Makes Last  
Stand in Shawnee, Okla.

**BELIEVED DYING; BRIDE ALSO HELD**

Two Companions of Desperado Wounded In  
Exchange of Gunfire; Surprised  
In Before-Dawn Raid

By United Press

**SHAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 30.**—Wilbur Underhill, hunted since last Memorial Day as the Southwest's most dangerous outlaw, was grievously wounded and captured today as he fled from officers who bombarded his refuge with bullets and tear gas bombs.

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# THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

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WILBUR UNDERHILL, MURDERER AND DESPERATE CRIMINAL, WHO WAS WOUNDED CRITICALLY AND CAPTURED EARLY TODAY IN SHAWNEE, OK.



## UNDERHILL IS TAKEN

Critically Wounded, the Desperado Is Captured in a Shawnee, Ok., Furniture Store in a Desperate Attempt to Escape a Posse Early Today.

## A WOMAN IS SHOT

Battle at a Small House Before Fugitive Gives Up May Cost Another Life.

## CONVICT'S BRIDE UNINJURED

Machine Gun Fire Into Small House Does Not Strike Young Woman He Wed Recently.

Flight by Escaped Convict Takes Him Into a Store, Where He Surrenders.

## A BOLD AND CRUEL MAN

Robberies and Slayings Have Been Laid at the Feet of the Criminal.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Shawnee, Ok., Dec. 30.—Critically wounded, Wilbur Underhill, vicious murderer, who, with Harvey Bailey, led the sensational Memorial day break from the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing, was captured here shortly after

slightly in the right shoulder. Second woman captured was identified by officers as Hazel Underhill's bride. Underhill, weak from his wounds, offered no resistance when the capture was made in the small furniture store at 506 East Main street. Defies Officers and Attempts Escape. Underhill was suffering also from exposure as a result of his desperate break for freedom from the house. Police and federal officers closed in on the house about 2:30 o'clock and ordered Underhill to surrender. He refused. Then Colvin sighted Underhill through a rear window. Colvin opened fire with a machine gun. He said Underhill fell to the floor, then got up and ran from the room. A few seconds later Underhill dashed from the front door of the house. A fusillade from the officers' weapons brought him down, but he regained his feet and ran into the plowed field nearby, going into the darkness. Bloodhounds were ordered immediately from McAlester to take up the trail. The fugitive's capture, which came after the dogs arrived. When first sighted by officers at the Shawnee store, Underhill refused to surrender. He was identified positively by finally

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The Forecast—Kansas City and vicinity: Unsettled, with occasional rain probable tonight and Sunday; no decided change in temperature.  
Wind velocity: 7 to 10 m. p. h. from the south.  
Relative humidity: 7 a. m. 94 per cent.  
River stage today: 3 feet; fall of 3 foot.  
Precipitation in twenty-four hour ending 7 a. m.: trace.

## ONE FREE IN MASSACRE

RICHARD GALATAS, HOT SPRINGS GANGSTER, SOUGHT.

Of Eleven Indicted in the Plaza Killing, Miller Is Dead, Bailey and Brady in Prison and Five on Bond.

With the capture early today of Wilbur Underhill, Oklahoma desperado, at Shawnee, Ok., all except one man of the eleven persons indicted by a federal grand jury here in September, in connection with the union station slaughter June 17, have been arrested or slain evading arrest. William L. Vandever, United States district attorney, who obtained the indictment against the ten persons, said today the one man still sought on the grand jury indictment was Richard T. Galatas, Hot Springs gangster. The hunt for Galatas was being pushed vigorously, he said.  
ARREST OF GALATAS.  
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## THE LAW WINS OUT

Only Three of the Middle West's Desperate Characters Now Are at Large.

## FLOYD STILL IS SOUGHT

Ed Davis, One of the Eleven in the Lansing Break, Has Not Yet Been Captured.

## A REIGN OF TERROR ENDS

Officers Round Up the Criminals at Intervals During the 7-Month Period.

With only three of the desperadoes who have figured in the gangs which for the last few years have terrorized the Southwest with sensational crimes still at large, a rapidly approaching end of a reign of crime was seen today with the capture of Wilbur Underhill in Shawnee, Ok.  
Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious outlaw; Clyde Barrow, murderer, and Ed Davis, one of the eleven convicts who escaped from the Kansas state penitentiary last Memorial day, are the ones now hunted as the last of the three gangs.  
Begin: With Prison Break.  
In the seven months' reign of terror which opened with the escape at the Kansas prison, when eleven desperate convicts kidnaped Warden Kirk Frather and two guards, there has been a trail of murder, kidnaping and robberies. All except one of the eleven escaped convicts have been accounted for; one of them killed; the others captured.  
Over five hundred persons were committed their crimes. The

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Underhill, vicious murderer, who, with Harvey Bailey, led the sensational Memorial day break from the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing.

captured here shortly after 7 o'clock this morning without a struggle.

A dramatic escape from a house surrounded by a posse preceded by a few hours the capture in a small furniture store in the center of Shawnee's business district. Underhill had broken into the store in a desperate effort to elude pursuers who had followed him after he fled from the house, wounded in the back, left arm, right leg and scalp.

At the Shawnee municipal hospital physicians said Underhill had only a slight chance for recovery.

Falls, Then Runs On.

When a squad of officers, consisting mostly of Oklahoma City police, surrounded the house, Underhill, clad only in his underwear, fled in a shower of machine gun bullets. R. H. Colvin, federal agent, said he fired a machine gun at Underhill through a rear window of the house and that the man fell.

Later Underhill ran from the house through the front door and was shot at again by officers armed with shotguns. He fell again, but got up and ran into a plowed field nearby.

Another man and a woman in the house were wounded. Officers tentatively identified the woman as Ella Mae Nichols, or Eools. She was shot in the stomach and her condition was described as critical by physicians at a hospital. The man, identified by police as Raymond Roe, was wounded.

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When first questioned by officers at the Shawnee Municipal hospital, Underhill refused to talk and would not identify himself. When informed by officers that he had been identified positively he finally admitted, officers said, that he was the widely sought desperado.

A Killer and a Robber.

Before his sentence to the Kansas penitentiary for life for the killing of a Wichita policeman, Underhill was known as the "Tri-State Terror" for his criminal operations in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri. He escaped jail at Okmulgee while being held for the slaying of a drug store clerk in a holdup, was caught and sentenced to the Oklahoma prison for life. He escaped and next was arrested for the Wichita killing. He also is sought for a robbery killing at Picher, Ok.

In one case Underhill, during his flight, sent officers a "confession" to the robbery of a bank in Arkansas, and to make his confession authentic he attached his fingerprints to the letter. Officers discredited the confession, as the robbery took place the day before the Kansas City massacre June 17, and they believed the fugitive was attempting to establish an alibi for the massacre accusation. Several weeks ago he surprised officers by boldly walking into the county clerk's office at Coalgate, Ok., and asking for a license to wed his childhood sweetheart. His actions were so bold officers were not suspicious. It was several days after the ceremony when his true identity was discovered.

A Plaza Survivor There.

In the posse which surrounded Underhill in the house was Frank Smith, federal agent who escaped unscathed from the Kansas City shooting. Shortly after midnight the posse visited the house and found it empty. The officers returned about 2:30 o'clock, and, finding it occupied, surrounded the place. Colvin and Clarence Hurt, Oklahoma City policemen, went to a window where a light was burning. Underhill, clad in his underwear, was standing near a bed and his wife was sitting on the bed, Hurt related. "I said, 'Stick 'em up,' Wilbur, it's the law." Underhill reached for a pistol

was Richard T. Galatas, Hot Springs gangster. The hunt for Galatas was being pushed vigorously, he said.

ARREST OF GALATAS.

He said preparation of prosecution in the station plaza case in the federal court would begin after the arrest of Galatas, and a complete report of the case had been given him by the division of investigation of the department of justice.

Galatas, according to Mr. Vandeventer, was in Hot Springs when Frank Nash, escaped federal convict, was captured by Francis J. Lackey, special agent, and other officers and hurried out of that city. Galatas notified Mrs. Nash and accompanied her to Joplin, where, the government alleges, a long distance telephone call was made at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Farmer to the suburban roadhouse of Loul Stacci near Chicago, according to Mr. Vandeventer. That telephone call started the moves that resulted in the slaughter of Nash and four officers in front of the union station here.

THE OTHERS INDICTED.

Others under indictment in the plaza case, besides Galatas, Stacci and Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, are Mrs. Nash, Harvey Bailey, Robert C. Brady, Underhill, Verne O. Miller, Frank (Frits) Mulloy, 14 East Fifty-sixth street terrace, and Mrs. E. B. Connor, also known to federal agents as Louise Connor of Hot Springs.

Mr. Vandeventer also alleges that after the capture of Nash at Hot Springs, a telephone call was made from Mrs. Connor's apartment there to the Farmer home at Joplin. Galatas, he related, was with Mrs. Connor in the apartment.

At the office of Edward E. Conroy, special agent in charge of the division of investigation office here, it was said no official word of the capture of Underhill had been received.

"That's great," Mr. Vandeventer said when informed Underhill had been arrested. "We had been after that man since he escaped with ten others from the Kansas penitentiary. And we will get Galatas, and I don't believe that will take long, either."

ONE DEAD, TWO IN PRISON.

As Miller was slain near Detroit by rival gangsters, the part of the indictment relating to him will be dismissed, Mr. Vandeventer said. Bailey now is serving a life sentence in the federal prison at Leavenworth for his part in the Charles F. Urschel kidnapping case, while Brady has been returned to the Kansas penitentiary. With the exception of Galatas, the

Prather and two guards, there has been a trail of murder, kidnapping and robberies. All except one of the eleven escaped convicts have been accounted for; one of these killed; the others captured.

Over five states the desperadoes committed their crimes. The kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel in Oklahoma City, the massacre of Frank Nash and four officers at the union station plaza here, numerous bank robberies and gun battles with posess, the slaying of two officers in Joplin, the murder of an officer in Chetopa, Kas., and several other crimes were attributed to the Bailey-Underhill gang, Floyd or the Barrow brothers.

Wilbur Underhill and Harvey Bailey were the two most widely hunted of the gangs as the leaders of one band of outlaws. Floyd has traveled alone, while the Barrow brothers have added only a few men to their escapades.

Bullets When Necessary.

Slowly but surely the law, especially the arm of Uncle Sam's officers, is putting the desperate outlaws behind bars or in graves. Gun play has featured the capture of many of the outlaws who would just as soon fight to out at bay. Some have paid with their lives, others have taken the lives of brave officers before they surrendered.

The union station massacre was one of the most sensational crimes in the history of the Southwest and was attributed mainly to Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Underhill, Ed Davis, Bob Brady and Verne O. Miller.

Frank Nash, escaped federal prisoner, was being returned to the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas. As he was being placed in a car in front of the station an attempt to deliver him from the officers was made. When the smoke had cleared away Nash and these officers were dead:

Raymond J. Caffrey, special agent of the Kansas City office of the United States bureau of investigation.

Otto Reed, chief of police of McAlester, Ok.

Frank Hermanson, Kansas City detective.

W. J. Groom, Kansas City, detective.

F. J. Lackey, special agent of Oklahoma City, and R. E. Vetterli, agent in charge of the United States bureau of investigation here, were wounded.

The Urschel Case Follows.

Another high crime was the kidnapping of Urschel in Oklahoma City July 22. George (Machine Gun) Kelly, Harvey Bailey, Albert Bates and the Shannon family of Paradise, Tex., were arrested, two of them after sensational captures, and were



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"I said, 'Stick 'em up, Wilbur, it's the law.'"

Underhill whistled, seized a pistol from a small chest and fired through the window, Hurt said.

Underhill's first shot was the signal for a shower of bullets from the officers' weapons—machine guns, rifles, shotguns and revolvers. Lead poured into the bedroom and into an adjoining bedroom that was dark. Rowe and the woman were in the dark room.

#### Bank Bonds Are Found.

After Underhill fled, officers entered the house. In his clothing was found \$5,300 in bonds of the Franklin Title and Trust Company of Kentucky.

Sheriff Stanley Rogers of Oklahoma City arrived later with additional officers and led the posse that captured Underhill in the furniture store.

The squad broke open a door and found Underhill under covers in a bed in the rear of the store. He made no effort to fight.

"His body was completely riddled by bullets," Sheriff Rogers said. "How he managed to keep going through that machine gun fire and how he managed to get that sixteen blocks to the furniture store is beyond understanding."

When Underhill sought refuge in the second hand furniture and tire shop he routed Mr. and Mrs. Owens, operators of the shop, out of bed. The desperado climbed into bed and was there when the officers arrived.

Shawnee is forty miles east of Oklahoma City. It is located in Pottawatomie County.

#### The Information Is Secret.

The raid to capture Underhill was planned with secrecy. The tip that Underhill would be found at a house at 608 West Dewey street was given to officials in Oklahoma City and shared by them only with Colvin.

When the time arrived to spring the trap on the notorious criminal at Shawnee, the raiding party took time only to let P. A. Budd, chief of Shawnee police, in on the plans. He gathered some of his men together and joined the raiding party.

The escape from the Dewey street house by Underhill, his wife and the

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The federal indictment accuses the eleven with conspiracy to obstruct justice, based on the attempted delivery of Nash on the union station plaza. Although they face trial in the federal court, Mr. Vandeventer said today they also face trial in the state criminal court. After the completion of the case by federal agents, the evidence will be gone over by the district attorney and it will be determined then whether the county prosecutor will be asked to file charges.

#### ONE KNOWN TO BE KILLER.

"The actual killers probably will be prosecuted also on murder charges in the criminal court, Mr. Vandeventer said. The government agents have asserted Underhill was with Bailey in the parking space south of the union station when Bailey fired one of two machine guns used in the station slaughter. Just who the actual killers were still remains the secret of the federal investigators. It was asserted authentically by Mr. Vandeventer that Miller was one of the actual killers.

Miller, Mr. Vandeventer contends, fired one of the machine guns into the officers' car on the plaza as Miller drove west down the drive past the rear of the officers' car. Mr. Vandeventer also has asserted that Bailey, accompanied by Underhill and possibly by Brady, fired the other machine gun as they stood beside a green Oldsmobile car in the parking lot. Both machine guns, he said, were fired at the same time, the bullets going into the officers' car from opposite sides.

#### Puerto Rico Strike Is Ended.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Dec. 30.—(A. P.)—A gasoline strike and boycott in Puerto Rico apparently was ended today, after Acting Governor Benjamin J. Horton by proclamation fixed the price at 20 cents a gallon.

Where buyers, sellers and traders look for complete want ad information—the want ad columns of The Star

of investigation here, were wounded.

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Urschel, a wealthy Oklahoma City oil man, was taken from his home by two men who carried machine guns. For several days he was held captive on the Shannon farm near Paradise, Tex., while his captors negotiated for the payment of the ransom of \$200,000. This was paid in Kansas City by a representative of the Urschel family. The money was received by Bates and "Machine Gun" Kelly at a point near the La Salle hotel.

All those believed connected with the station massacre are either in custody or dead. Miller, said by the government to have been the machine gunner in the slaughter, was killed by gangsters recently in Detroit.

That time the Barrow brothers successfully shot their way out and with a volley of bullets escaped with their wives. Two of the deputies were wounded. After the later battle in Iowa, Buck Barrow's wife also was captured and returned to Platte City, where she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to ten years in the Missouri penitentiary.

One of the Barrow brothers met death as the result of wounds received in a battle with officers. Marvin (Buck) Barrow died in a Perry, Ia., hospital, after he and his brother, Clyde Barrow, fought it out with a posse of officers. Clyde Barrow escaped.

The Barrow brothers struck close to Kansas City last July, when several deputies of Sheriff Thomas Nash, along with several Platte County officers, found the desperadoes in a tourist cabin south of Platte City.

#### FLAMES RAGE AT 50 BELOW.

Firesmen Helpless in Fight to Save Convent in Canada.

THREE RIVERS, Que., Dec. 30.—Flames raced through the old St. Philippe convent here today and threatened to destroy the building. Six hundred girl pupils and the Ursuline Nuns in charge were absent from the building on account of the New Year's holiday.

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woman caused the raiders to divide into two pursuit groups.

One party of twelve searched west and south from the house, while the other party worked eastward toward the main business center.

Leading the party that finally found Underhill was Sheriff Rogers. With him were W. A. McKenzie, motor cycle patrolman of Shawnee, and W. O. Agee, John Cassidy, John Whealan and Jack Roberts, members of the police department of Oklahoma City.

### Divorced Husband to Her Side.

Bert Eppler, a Seminole mail carrier who, officers said, was the divorced husband of Eva Mae Nichols, was at her bedside today. Officers learned that the wounded woman was the operator of a Seminole beauty parlor.

It was disclosed that Underhill had visited the beauty parlor recently, going there for treatment by a doctor who was called in. After he left the place officers received a "tip" that aided in his capture.

The house on West Dewey street had been vacant until a few days ago, when it was rented by a Shawnee man whose name the police would not divulge. It was occupied the same day, it was said, and was under surveillance until the raid was made today.

Excitement in Shawnee ran high this morning. The gun battle aroused everyone in the west section of the city and many men and women hastened to the scene of the shooting. The presence of the crowd was said to have made possible the temporary escape of Underhill.

### AN UNDERHILL WATCH HERE

The Police Here Had Tips He Might Visit His Mother.

Kansas City police officials were highly pleased today to learn of the capture of Wilbur Underhill at Shawnee, Ok., today. A general pick-up order for him has been in the files at headquarters since his escape from the Kansas state prison at Lansing, seven months ago today.

Underhill's picture is on file in the rogue's gallery here and officers here received frequent tips that he planned to come to Kansas City to visit his mother, who lives near Independence and Monroe avenues. After persistent rumors that he was going to visit his mother either Thanksgiving or Christmas day, detectives watched the home, but he did not appear.

Underhill has at various times used the name of Wilbur Underhill, Wilbur Underhill and Henry Wilbur. He is about 32 years old. Underhill, who once served a term at the state penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., entered the prison at Lansing September 4, 1931, and remained until his escape last May 30.

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# Childhood Sweetheart Tells Own Story of Her Life



Brought to justice after a desperate gun battle with federal officers, Wilbur Underhill, his luck at escaping in Ralph Rowe, also wounded in the battle, but not seriously. The center photo shows the Shawnee house where the women, Mrs. Eva Mae Nichols, was seriously wounded while the other, Underhill's wife, was ensnared in the



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OKLAHOMA CITY, SUNDAY, DI

# THE DYING WORK

## FIGHT ORGANIZED TO OPPOSE COUNTY, CITY BOND ISSUES

**J. K. Wells Asserts City Indebtedness 'Too High for Burden'**

**MUSTER 1930 FORCES Claim Title to Proposed Structure's Site Also 'Very Uncertain'**

Members of the 1930 anti-bond committee announced Saturday they would conduct an intensive campaign to block the voting of bonds for the proposed \$1,000,000 city-county building.

J. K. Wells, chairman of the committee, said the success of the fight in 1930 to block a proposed \$2,000,000 bond issue for public buildings, which was virtually

### RUN FOR GOVERNOR



## Dr. W. B. Bizzell Acts to Cruel Slaughter

The president of a state university stepped in Saturday to save the lives of a hundred cats. A hundred cats pick up in some last-minute effort to save them from the waiting arms of loving children.

The cats, coldly and commercially captured, were to have been killed or skinned in response to a sincere plea of science and incidentally to have added a few dimes to the purses of a few human beings who might not need food as bad as the cats need life.

But anyway, these cats shall not die. At least not for the University of Oklahoma. And O. U. is supposed to be a two big the advance abruptly at ordering the once.

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## Lieutenant Governor Burns Enters 1934 'Free-for-All'

Claims Backing in Governor Race of Those Who Want Someone Not Mixed Up With Old Political Crowd

THE NEW YORK TIMES



## and Love for the Dying Bandit, Underhill



passes at last forsaking him, is shown at right as he lay near death Saturday night in a Shawnee hospital. At the left is the wounded man and (two women were captured and the crowd which gathered soon after the gun fight. One of the battle.

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# DS OF UNDERHILL

## Prevent of 100 Cats

and thus ends the venture of an  
 ill-fated student who pro-  
 duces two fish with the same  
 result as a few Johns men and  
 a department of science in the

B. Bizzell, university president, stopped the campaign Saturday by asking the student to cease his efforts and saying, "Inconceivable to me," Dr. Bizzell told Jews "that any department would have many cats and you can tell Oklahoma residents for me that I will see you soon."

# Is CAPITOL BANK L' TO PAY AND QUIT

Depositors Assured 60 Per Cent, With RFC Advancing Rest in January

The Capital State Bank, 226 S. Commercial St., Capital Hill, has stated that it will pay the redemption.

WHISPERS TO HIS BRIDE  
THAT HE IS READY TO GO

**U. S. Agent Who Captured Harvey Bailey in Orschel Kid-  
nap Case Trails Quarry to His Lair After Relentless  
Search; Fights to End in Miraculous Escape; Un-  
known Leads to Capture in Rear of Store**

Wilbur Underhill, phantom bandit-killer, Saturday night was heading for that final judgment from which there is no escape.

He is taking with him five deadly bullets given him by officers as souvenirs of the five men he ruthlessly killed during his seven-year reign of blood and powder.

Delirious and in a coma by turns, the heavily-bandaged Underhill had infrequent lucid moments during which he steadfastly refused to confess any crime to federal officers grouped around his bed at Municipal Hospital in Shawnee. He stuck to the code of silence of the underworld.

They were the only persons who formed part of the posse which surrounded the house in which Underhill, Sr. his wife, Hans

## Bride of Wilbur Underhill Tells Her Own Story

Re: NOEL HODGSON

which Underhill, 33, his bride, Hae-  
Rajah, 26, and another daughter  
and Mrs. J. W. Nichols was  
holding early Saturday morning.

How he managed to jump the ball of machine gun bullets, first of them in hand, and slay 16 blacks through the last night of Christmas in his underwear before he was captured, is the story in

## TO PAY AND QUIT

### Depositors Assured 60 Per Cent With RFC Advance ing Rest In January

The Capital State Bank, 224 S. Commerce-st., in Capitol Hill, is closed and will pay its depositors 100 per cent.

The bank is in the hands of the state banking department and will be liquidated soon under a voluntary plan, directors of the bank and state officials announced Saturday night.

In a letter addressed to the approximately 1500 depositors, W. J. Barnett, state banking commissioner, stated:

"Mrs. T. G. Taylor, assistant to the bank commissioner, has taken charge of this bank for the banking department and as soon as possible, probably by Jan. 5, 1934, or as soon thereafter as the liquidation report on the bank is completed will accept claims of depositors in order to make the first payment to the depositors in the amount of approximately 60 per cent of their balances."

#### R. F. C. to Advance Funds

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has agreed to advance the remaining 40 per cent to the depositors as soon as the necessary papers have been prepared and forwarded to Washington for approval.

"It is the opinion of this department that within the month this bank will be able to liquidate its unsecured deposit liabilities and to that end we ask the hearty cooperation and assistance of the depositors of this institution."

#### Bank in Good Shape

Barnett's letter also explained:

"In view of the Glass-Steagall bank act, which becomes a law Jan. 1, the board of directors of the Capital State Bank decided not to take advantage of the provisions of the act, and therefore will not become a member of the federal deposit insurance corporation."

"Instead they have decided to go into voluntary liquidation under the supervision of the Oklahoma state banking department."

Officers of the bank, which was organized in 1907, are: J. E. Moore,

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## CLOUDY AND MILD SUNDAY FORECAST

### Expect Cold Turn In Weather New Year's

Continued cloudy weather and mild temperatures were predicted here for Sunday by Weatherman Harry Wahlgren in his Saturday night forecast.

Temperatures rose to 45 degrees at 3 p. m. Saturday. It will be colder early Sunday, he said.

Mr. Wahlgren said residents could look for light mist again Sunday with colder weather Sunday night and early Monday.

of the underworld. They were the officers who formed part of the posse which surrounded the house in which Underhill, 32, his wife, Hazel, Ralph Rowe, another desperado, and Mrs. Eva Mae Nichols were hiding early Saturday morning in Shawnee.

## Bride of Wilbur Underhill Tells Her Own Story

By NOEL HOUSTON

A N outlaw's childhood sweetheart put a glass-scratched hand through jail bars and displayed two big diamond rings and a band of white gold.

"Look, that shows Wilbur was a good man to me, doesn't it?" she asked.

The sister of the notorious Jarrett outlaw, bride of a month of Wilbur Underhill, but mother of three children by a former marriage, the petite 32-year-old woman tossed her black bobbed hair and said: "There is no reason for me to be ashamed I married Wilbur."

Whether Underhill dies or is returned to prison Hazel Underhill's brief honeymoon with a fugitive, hunted lover was over the minute offi-

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cers began ripping bullets into their bedroom at Shawnee Saturday, filling her eyes, hands and dress with window glass splinters as she fell fainting to the floor.

SHE was lying fully clothed in a brown dress with puffed sleeves—but her feet were bare—when I stood before her barred cell in the Shawnee jail.

"Is Wilbur dead yet?" was her first question.

And when Police Chief P. A. Budd told her she would be taken to the hospital to see her dying husband, she asked for her shoes, which had been left at the bullet-riddled house.

When she went into his hospital room, and he turned his half-shut eyes at her and said: "Sweetheart," she fell across his chest crying and sobbing: "Darling." But that was later.

"I did not marry Wilbur because I like adventure or thought it was daring. I just loved him. We never did think about the fact that everybody was hunting him except to keep out of everybody's way," she said at the jail.

I WONDERED if she didn't realize that sooner or later Underhill would be killed and that she might be killed, too.

"I guess we were like stunt fliers or parachute jumpers. We just didn't think or worry about it," she said.

Now that her brief marriage, her third, is over, what does she expect to do next?

"I will go back to Oklahoma City where I have lived for five years and go to work and be with my three children."

The children are the 3-year-old daughter, the 15-year-old daughter and the 18-year-old son of her first husband, Marvin Conner. Officers told me Conner was killed during a burglary of a store at Coffeyville, Kan.

"You are the sister of Buster Jarrett and those boys, aren't you?" I asked. She said yes.

Her brother Buster and her brother Floyd Jarrett are in the McAlester penitentiary for bank robbery. Her brother, Earl Jarrett, is an escaped murderer. Her brother Ralph was an escaped murderer who was killed by officers.

She has two brothers who are straight, police said.

THEY all come from Nowata County, although Hazel said she was born in northern Missouri, and it was in Nowata County, that as a girl she met Wilbur Underhill, who was just then beginning the career of crime which fared her brothers to the penitentiary, took her first husband to death, and now her third husband is about gone.

Her second husband, George Hudson, divorced her, and it was this name she used when she rented the house in the 1700 block W. Park-pl in Oklahoma City last fall which 70 officers surrounded in the hopes of catching Underhill, but he escaped just as he had done so many times before.

Mrs. Underhill was clerk in a bakery here until last spring, and she will try to get the same kind of job when she returns to her children.

THE youngest child is in grade school and the 15-year-old daughter goes to Capitol Hill High School. The 18-year-old son is not working now. The names of the children and their address are being withheld for obvious reasons.

"Wilbur was trying to go straight, but they would not let him. Every day there would be something in the paper about his robbing or killing somebody, but he did not do them," she said.

Underhill has not been with her all the time since their marriage at Okmulgee in November. "He would go away, then he would come

which surrounded the house in which Underhill, 32, his wife, Hazel, Ralph Rowe, another desperado, and Mrs. Eva Mae Nichols were hiding early Saturday morning in Shawnee.

How he managed to escape fifty half of machine gun bullets, firing at them in return, and staggered 16 blocks through the wet night of Shawnee to his underwear before he was captured, he could say.

It was the superhuman feat of a desperate criminal caught in a trap.

The officers sought a despatched confession as to whether Underhill was one of the machine gunners who coldly said: "Let 'em have it," as four officers were mowed down in the Kansas City massacre.

"I didn't have a cock-eyed thing to do with it," he told questioners.

They told him he was dying as he might as well clear his conscience, but Underhill flinched his jaws with the pain of the wounds in his back, arms, shoulder and head and muttered: "I may pull through."

Thanks, Hazel

But when they brought his wife of a month from the jail and she fell across his chest sobbing, "Sweetheart," his dim eyes regarded her and he said, "I think I'm going to die, honey."

In a weak voice he told her where she could find his several autos, valuable documents and other belongings, evidently resigning himself to the end.

He did tell R. M. Colvin, U. S. agent in charge, that he was trying to sell "hot" bonds when he was caught. About \$5000 worth of stolen bonds were found in his coat.

Across the hall a woman who was caught in the hall of fire at officers raked Underhill's house, lay near death also.

Physicians said earlier that there was no hope for Mrs. Nichols, 31, Seminole beauty parlor operator, but Saturday night they said the two stomach wounds might possibly not prove fatal if complications did not set in.

In an adjoining room was Ralph Rowe, 29, three times a convicted burglar and robber, grinning despite wounds in his left arm and right shoulder.

Trapped in Home

He and Mrs. Nichols were in bed in the front bedroom when Underhill, in the rear bedroom, opened fire on officers who told him to come out, and when they sat up in bed, machine gun fire raking the house wounded them both.

On orders of Colvin, who had added new laurels to those he gained by catching the Urchel kidnap gang by his work Saturday, Mrs. Underhill, 32, an Oklahoma City woman, was still held in the Shawnee jail Saturday night.

It was Colvin who captured Harvey Bailey, of the Urchel kidnap gang, on a Texas farm.

Mrs. Underhill's only wounds were scratches from flying glass as bullets smashed through the window to strike her husband. She fainted when the firing started and fell out of the line of bullets.

Shawnee police, headed by Police Chief R. A. Budd, who with Oklahoma City officers, aided in the last raid on the tri-state terror, were trying to establish the route taken by Underhill as he fled in his car.

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## Very Uncertain

Members of the 1930 anti-bonds committee announced Saturday they would conduct an extensive campaign to block the voting of bonds for the proposed \$1,400,000 city-county building.

J. E. Wells, oil man and one of the committee that led the successful fight in 1930 to defeat a proposed \$2,500,000 bond issue for public improvements, declared virtually all the former leaders would be "back in the battle."

Under present plans the bond election will be held Jan. 22.

### Plan Intensive Campaign

The campaign against the proposed bonds as part of the PWA (Public Works Administration) project for a joint municipal and county building on a part of the downtown rail strip park, will open immediately after the holidays, Mr. Wells said.

"The city is at its low ebb in earning capacity," Wells declared. "This year 51,000 pieces of property were involved in tax sale certificates. The federal government is pouring \$5,000,000 into the district through the Howe Owners Loan Corporation to relieve tax delinquent home owners."

"The government is spending \$7000 a day here for jobless men under the Civil Works program."

### Declares Bonds 'Burden'

"Then we are asked to burden the city with more bonds to pay off."

"Right now the bonded indebtedness of the city's school district is around \$11,000,000, and that of the city, \$19,000,000, or an aggregate of \$30,000,000 bonded indebtedness."

"The assessed valuation of Oklahoma City is \$96,000,000."

"It certainly is an inopportune time to be voting more bonds."

"There also is a question about the title to the proposed site in the abandoned rail tract. We have had

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## JOHNSON TERMED 'MAN OF THE YEAR'

Time Magazine Selects NRA Director For High Honor

Time Magazine this week termed Oklahoma's Hugh S. Johnson, National Recovery Administrator, as "The Man of the Year."

Mr. Johnson's selection for the honor came as a surprise to many, but residents of Alva, where he formerly lived, and of Okmulgee, where his mother has lived the past 23 years, agreed that the selection was proper.

His mother is Mrs. E. L. Johnson. Mr. Johnson attended high school at Alva before he went to West Point Military Academy. His father was postmaster of Alva in the state's pioneer days.

### Weather Forecast

Local: Partly cloudy; not much change.

HOURLY CITY TEMPERATURES

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| 1 p. m.  | 59 | 7 a. m.  | 43 |
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| 12 m.    | 48 | 6 p. m.  | 32 |



Lieutenant Governor Robert Burns who will seek the No. 1 post in state politics by running for governor in the 1934 campaign. See story in adjoining column.

## JURY INDICTS 8 IN MISSOURI LYNCHING

Asks Ouster of Police in Charge of Negro

By United Press  
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 30.—Discharge of officers who failed to prevent a mob hanging and burning a Negro here was asked by a grand jury Saturday in returning 11 indictments against eight men in connection with the lynching.

Emery Donnelly 31 exonerated in a no-bill was freed immediately after the jury report. The no-bill was announced with murder indictments against John Zook Aaron Levine and Walter Garson. The last also was charged with malicious destruction of public property.

The other indictments were returned sealed.

## PRESIDENT APPROVES CODE FOR GROCERS

More Than Million Workers Governed by Agreement

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt has signed the retail food and grocery code, NRA Administrator Johnson announced Saturday.

The code will govern 480,000 retail grocers throughout the country employing more than 1,000,000 workers.

The code, which becomes effective Jan. 6, makes a total of 183 signed by the president. The food code has labor provisions substantially the same as those approved Nov. 15, which are already in effect.

## Enters 1934 Free-for-A

Claims Backing in Governor Race of Those Want 'Someone Not Mixed Up With Old Political Crowd'

By LEE HILLS

A period of intensive activity that will mark the part of 1934 opened Saturday.

New Year's Day will presage a bitter scramble, made by announcements, withdrawals, reorganization of Democratic party machine, attacks and counterattacks.

With half a dozen Democratic candidates for governor scheduled to make formal announcements in January, Attorney General J. Berry King fired an arid blast at the Murray administration Saturday in a 11-page prospectus on Oklahoma government.

Lieut. Gov. Robert Burns, who has been out in the state making speeches and friends the last two months, said Saturday he has definitely decided to run for governor. He indicated his formal announcement would come Jan. 15.

### Claims Good Response

"I've had excellent response, especially from people who want somebody who has not been mixed up with the old political crowd that has run things at the capitol for the last 15 years," said the Seminole and Oklahoma City attorney.

In the drive for a gubernatorial candidate on whom many conflicting factions could agree, efforts were made the last few days to interest John B. Doolin, pioneer business leader of Alva and northwestern Oklahoma.

The veteran Democratic leader told Oklahoma City men who wrote urging him to run, that he would not make the race. The efforts persisted, however, with the belief that if the move for Doolin becomes strong he will enter the campaign.

Newly appointed as a director of the 10th federal reserve bank, Doolin has been a director of the Oklahoma City branch of the federal reserve the last four years.

### No New Candidates

The past week saw no new candidates enter the governorship race and none withdraw. Maneuvering for position—a game that takes up much of the politician's time in the early stages—continues with much vehemence.

Of the two dozen Democratic aspirants, many will get out of the contest the next few months—some for promise of future appointments, some for more substantial reasons, some for friendship, some for nothing. The practice has become so common in Oklahoma that it is no longer is any great honor for a man to speak of himself as a prospective candidate for governor.

### Republican Revival

And despite the tom-tomming that "1934 will give Democrats a clean sweep in Oklahoma," definite signs of revival of the Republican party are appearing.

Largely inspiring these is the "draft Lew Wentz" movement and the talk in party circles that the Pottawatomie oil man may be induced to become Republican nominee for governor. From inside sources

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## JAPAN-SOVIET WAR IS QUICKLY DENIED

Check Proves Rumors London Are False

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—An

sample of the speed of modern news coverage of international affairs was given Saturday night rumors of a Japanese declaration of war on Russia were heard in London.

A cablegram telling of the rumor reached the New York office of United Press from London at 8 p. m.

Messages seeking confirmation of the rumors were immediately to United Press bureaus in Moscow, Tokyo and Washington.

The first denial of a declaration of war came from the Japanese embassy in Washington. Then Washington embassy of newly organized Soviet Russia announced denial of the reports. Both were received within a few minutes.

The denial from the foreign office in Moscow, relayed practically 1 way around the world, reached New York United Press cable at 8:10 p. m. Just 44 minutes after the original rumor had been received.

## WYNEKOOP TRIAL DELAY IS SOUGHT

New Lawyer For Woman Defendant Wants Case Set Jan. 15

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Bene Short, new attorney for Dr. A. Lindsay Wynkoop, who is accused of the operating table murder of his daughter-in-law, Rheta, Saturday he expects to obtain continuance of Dr. Wynkoop's trial to Jan. 15. The case now is for Jan. 4. Short said his lack of familiarity with the case and other trial in which he will be engaged next week will be the basis for his request for a continuance.

### Calles To Retire

By United Press  
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30.—Former President Plutarco Elias Calles will retire from his post as secretary of treasury Jan. 1. Calles, in ill health, announced to take the post of Alberto Pani resigned.

# Story of How Underhill Coast and Shot It Out

which came in the  
bullet of bullets before  
he struck twice in the  
head and the man caving  
nothing but shooting.  
in. They had him in  
to get out. It was  
for the door shooting. He  
figures standing in the  
was Frank Smith.  
Underhill ran across  
in automobile at Kansas  
a stream of in-  
fellow officers and he  
shot back then. Now  
Underhill ran across  
Underhill fell to the  
high up in the back  
he got up and ran again  
and shot behind a  
alley. He sank down  
the number of times  
if he would live or die  
a place downtown where  
had stopped and get  
for water.  
he have water. He  
shaking him. He felt  
fatal but he thought  
about go on.  
of his shoulder to see if  
were behind him. There  
could not see it. It was  
and it was following him  
he house. He would get

between two houses in the dark middle of a  
block. When he had made sure the coast was  
clear he would run across the street hoping  
no one would see his white and red underwear.  
He cursed because he had no clothes.  
**Thoughts Become Many**  
He had to go even more carefully down-  
town. They must be looking everywhere by  
now. Anybody could pick out a man in his un-  
derwear, even people who wouldn't notice him  
if he had on clothes. And it was so cold. He  
was shivering and his teeth were chattering. He  
was losing blood and couldn't keep warm in  
this wet underwear even if he had all his blood.  
He could not think clearly now. He was so  
thirsty. Was this the right alley? There is a  
door. In that where he lives this fellow I know  
will give me a drink of water and call that cer-  
tain doctor and give me some clothes?  
He knocked. He heard someone draw the  
bolt but the door didn't open. He leaned on  
it and pushed. It opened and he fell in. A  
chair crashed under him, but he didn't feel it.  
**Hears Woman Screams**  
Someone was talking to him. Some man.  
What was he saying. What in the hell did  
it matter. He groaned. "Water, get me some  
water," he moaned. The man carried him into  
a bed and a woman screamed and jumped out  
of it.  
They put covers on him. "More covers, more  
covers," he said, his teeth chattering. "And  
water."  
The next minute, it seemed, officers were  
standing over him. So someone had seen him  
come in or those people had called the law.  
"You're had hit," someone was saying.  
"More covers, more covers," he answered  
and his teeth chattered and he felt awful pains

toward the back," said the sheriff.  
But Underhill was through. The  
bed was soaked with his blood. He  
was shivering with cold and ex-  
hausture and his body riddled with  
wounds. He begged in his de-  
lirium for more cover, more cover.  
When I told him he was in a  
bad way, he said: "I'm shot to  
pieces. I counted them as they hit  
me."  
An ambulance was summoned,  
and Underhill was taken to a hos-  
pital.  
Physicians held no hope for Mrs.  
Nichols. Relatives, including a  
husband who divorced her six  
months ago, Bert Eppler, stood sor-  
rowfully outside her room across the  
hall from the room of Underhill.  
She was 33 years old and has four  
sisters and a brother of high school  
age, but no children. Her maiden  
name was Riley, and she first mar-  
ried a man named O. W. Nichols,  
whose name she now uses.  
**Beauty Shop Operator**  
She runs the first and Beauty  
Shop at Gemini.  
Officers quoted Eppler as saying  
he loved his wife because she  
was running with him company.  
I knew that sooner or later it would  
end with something like this.  
Now was not so badly wounded.  
It was reported that he is listed on  
Bertillon records as "a desperate  
character—shoot to kill." State  
crime records showed Ralph Rowe  
as having been convicted three  
times in Oklahoma and Arkansas  
for larceny and robbery.  
Although the capture of Under-  
hill leaves only Ed Davis at large  
among the 11 desperate convicts  
who escaped from the Kansas peni-  
tentiary at Lansing on Memorial  
Day, a Kansas Sheriff, chief of the  
department's division of investiga-  
tion, Saturday ordered agents to  
capture "dead or alive" Richard T.  
Cobbles, connected with being the  
only remaining member of the "Vi-  
ctorian gang" still at large.  
Only one missing was  
John Arthur of Underhill speaks  
of. "I said Rowe is a United  
States convict. We had a lot of  
men and a lot of money to have  
the men of the gang to get  
out of the prison in the Kansas

he escaped from the Okmulgee jail  
by sawing the bars and sliding down  
a rope of tied sheets.  
**Surrounded at Picher**  
He was surrounded at Picher a  
month later, but he shot his way  
out, killing a mine worker, Earl  
O'Neal. Captured soon afterward,  
an Okmulgee jury declined to give  
him the death penalty and he was  
sentenced to life imprisonment. He  
soon tried to escape with three other  
prisoners, but was recaptured and  
put in solitary confinement.  
But in 1931 the prison warden  
had gone so far as to permit him  
outside prison walls, working with a  
road gang. It was in July of 1931  
that he jumped into weeds beside  
the road, ran to the edge of a bluff,  
and leaped into a river below, swim-  
ming to the opposite shore while  
guards above churned the water  
with bullets.  
**Killed Wichita Policeman**  
Underhill had killed a policeman  
at Wichita, Kan., on  
July 11, 1931, who he shot to  
within a month. He was  
guilty and went to the peni-  
tentiary.  
It was from here that he led the  
daring Memorial Day escape. He  
added to his string of murders when  
he killed a Kansas town marshal  
who tried to interfere with the es-  
caping convicts.  
Underhill is known to have staged  
a great number of robberies in  
Oklahoma, including a number of  
victims since his escape last May  
30. He was believed to have been  
the gunman who said "Hell, let 'em  
have it" as he put a companion  
against the wall with machine gun on  
officers taking Frank Nash, nerv-  
ous head of the Kansas City  
Crime Squad. Four officers and  
Nash were slain.  
Underhill's escape danger from  
trap was discussed two weeks ago  
when, out of Kansas, he fled  
through a lot of bullets in a car  
and eluded officers surrounding the  
house.

## HER HONEYMOON ENDS IN JAIL



The bride of Wilbur Underhill in jail after the Shawnee gun battle.

### Bride of Wilbur Underhill Tells Her Own Story

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"back," she said. "I do not know where he would go, and I did not ask him."  
Her version of the shooting was not like that of the officers who  
trapped Underhill in his lair.  
"We were sitting on the edge of the bed. He was in his underwear  
and I had my shoes off. Then the officer at the window said: 'It is  
the law, Wilbur; come out.'  
"Wilbur put up his hands and came out the door. They began  
shooting at him. They did not give him a chance. There were guns in  
the house, but he did not have a gun in his hands."  
"Officers agreed, however, that Underhill emptied two 30-shot Logers  
at them through the window when they commanded him to come out."  
"The bullets began coming through the window and went right past  
me and into Wilbur. The window glass got in my eyes and the backs  
of my hands. My dress is full of glass splinters and they cut me when  
I touch the dress. I am going to put on an orange sweater and a black  
skirt when they take me to see Wilbur. It will cheer him up."  
The three children only met once the hunted killer she made their  
stepfather by marrying him, she said. "That was in Oklahoma City.  
Oh, yes, they know who he was."

**L. B. STRODE DIES**  
Former City Business Man Survived  
By Daughter  
L. B. Strode, a formerly part  
owner of the Harley Davidson Motor  
cycle Co. here, died today at Nor-  
man.  
Services will be held today at

the Street & Draper Funeral Home.  
He is survived by one daughter,  
Juanita Strode and one son, Harley  
Strode, both of Oklahoma City.  
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HE LOOKED LIKE GHOST, STAINED BED



R. F. Owens and Wife

## Youth Gives Up Bed to Ease Suffering Underhill

Wounded Outlaw Enters Shawnee Bridegroom's Sleeping Room In Last Bid for Freedom; He Was Stranger to Young Couple

When R. E. Owens, 29, young secondhand store owner, heard a knock at his door about 6 a. m. Saturday he just supposed it was Robert Irwin.

Irwin works in the store and always knocks at the door of the rear room where Owens and his bride of 15 sleep.

### MORE ABOUT CAT STORY

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So it that this student's efforts to purchase cats there are stopped immediately.

The student, E. T. Self, immediately complied with Bissell's order, saying "This was a project of mine and other students and does not involve the university."

And the cats were not to have been treated cruelly, Self said, when informed of humane society charges that "students perform experiments even to the point of skinning the cats alive."

Mr. Self said the cats are "other-worldly" and are used by students at their experiments.

### 25 Cents Each

The cats began here Thursday when Mr. Self arrived and announced that he would pay 25 cents apiece for 100 cats.

A poster advertising the buying campaign was placed in a window of the federal-state employment office, 234 N. Dewey av. The money would be paid for cats brought in at 3 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The poster caught the eyes of men lingering nearby.

Out they roved, up alleys and into backyards. What's a cat, even though it is a treasured pet when 25 cents is involved. No matter if the pet's loss might have a scar on its young owner's heart.

Cats began to disappear. The mysterious disappearances were puzzling many residents.

Finally word was circulated that the cats were being held at some "hideout" by unemployed men and would be turned down to the employment office Tuesday at 3 p. m. a head.

The humane society got word of what was going on and traced the source of the activity to the employment office.

Many More Previews

Owens always gets up, slides back the bolt, and then Irwin waits until Owens turns out the light and gets back into bed before he enters, so that Mrs. Owens will not be disturbed.

### Surprised by 'Ghost'

"When I heard the knock and thought it was Irwin, I got up, turned on the light, and back the bolt," said Owens.

"I turned away and then I heard the door open. I knew Irwin never came in until I had returned to bed so I turned around to say something to him about it. Instead, swaying in the doorway, was a white figure like a ghost with blood all over his face and body.

He fell inside the door and across a chair. I picked him up and he wanted to lie down on the sofa. I said 'Who are you and what is the matter?' but he just groaned and said, 'Water, water, water.'"

### Wife Suffers Shock

"I carried him over to the bed and I forgot my wife in bed. She woke up just then and when she saw this wounded man in his underwear beside her she let out a holler."

Owens told her to dress and go to their house, across the alley, and call police and a doctor. While she was dressing, she tried to get the man to say what had happened. "But he just kept on groaning. I put cover over him. He was bleeding awfully."

Mrs. Owens started out in the dark and suddenly three men grabbed her.

### Seized by Officers

"I didn't know they were officers and I screamed and kicked. They tore my coat. I didn't know they were looking for Wilbur Underhill and that the man in our store was him," she said.

About that time deputy sheriffs were looking in the front door and the officers brought her back in by the rear door.

"We found out then it was Underhill. I knew now he was Underhill. I just bought this store a short time ago," said Owens.

## And Here Is Detailed Lived True to His I

By NOEL HOUSTON

A light gleaming behind a raised window shade revealed the figure of Wilbur Underhill. Eight officers crept toward the second-story house. They were closing in on their prey. "Stick 'em up, Wilbur. It's the law," barked a voice. It was Clarence Hurt, Oklahoma City officer, standing at the open window beside R. E. Colvin, the U. S. agent-in-charge.

Underhill, in long underwear, said: "Okay." He showed no surprise. He raised his hands for a moment. Then he dropped them.

### Fugitive Opens Fire

In a fraction of a second those long, strong fingers which have pulled death triggers on many men, were wrapped around two machine-gun Luger's which a space before had been on a table beside him.

Bullets whined out the window. But the officers did not flinch.

Colvin opened up with his machine gun. Underhill's left ear was sheered away. Hurt opened up with his gas gun. Underhill was struck in the chest with a gas shell which exploded in his face.

### Wife Screams, Faints

A woman screamed, a long, piercing scream. It was Underhill's bride. She was sitting on the bed, and splinters of window glass stung her. She saw her husband's underwear become red. She fainted.

Underhill fell to the floor. He got up and ran into the bathroom.

Was there anyone in front? He would soon find out. He poured a volley out of the window of the front bedroom. The answer came quickly.

### Tear Gas Pours In

A man and woman in bed in this room sat up but they fell over quickly with two bullets.

### One of Them—

Underhill had two women who were with him. Underhill was alone.

More tear gas came through the window. The gas was thick. He was alone.

He was alone. He was alone. He was alone.

Smith had set in City while Underhill's gun fire into had not been able to he could shoot back at the rear, he cut loose.

His gun roared a law. Now there was of his underwear. He while guns blasted the.

He ran for a back house and ran down and fainted. He soon he was wounded to a right away. He knew he could go and get some clothes.

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## MORE ABOUT UNDERHILL

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derwear and stocking feet through the night fog.

### Slaggered 16 Blocks

Somewhere along that route, as Underhill, bleeding from five wounds, staggered 16 blocks to the downtown district, they believed they would find one of the two 20-rapid shot Luger's with which Underhill "shot it out." None of his 40 shots took effect.

Although Colvin had cleared Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Owens, owners of the second hand furniture store where Underhill took refuge, agents were still seeking persons who might have harbored the criminal. Agents were still seeking persons who might have harbored the criminal. Agents were still seeking persons who might have harbored the criminal.

Owens, 39, related that he heard a knock at the door of the little room in the rear of the store where he and his wife sleep. He opened it and an underwear-clad figure, soaked with blood, fell in, crashing into a chair. "He groaned when I tried to find out what it was about and he asked for water."

Mrs. Owens, 18, who was running to their house across the alley when she was seized by officers who had been summoned to the spot, was confined to her bed from the effects of the shock.

Officers were still seeking to learn who it was that telephoned the police station and said he had seen a man in underwear go into the place. Sheriff Rogers and others went there and caught Underhill.

### The Tough For Money

The desperado who was too tough for Owen's hardware, Harvey Barker, a blackie with a long record, had been arrested in the city. Barker was a blackie with a long record, had been arrested in the city. Barker was a blackie with a long record, had been arrested in the city.

Underhill was in long underwear and his socks.

"I said 'Stick 'em up, Wilbur. It's the law,' reported Hurt, who had a machine gun and gas gun in his hand. Colvin had a machine gun pointing in the window.

"He said okay and started to raise his hands. Then he suddenly grabbed two 30-shot Luger's off a table beside the bed. We all fired at the same time. His bullets came out and I don't see how he missed. I fired the gas gun and the gas shell hit Underhill in the chest and exploded. Colvin let go with his machine gun."

Mrs. Underhill screamed and fainted. Other officers ran up behind Hurt and Colvin and began firing over their heads into the window. Underhill disappeared through a door which led into the bathroom. He went out his other and into the front bedroom.

Mrs. Underhill and her husband both sat up in bed.

Officers began pouring in from the front window.

Officers opened fire through it. Mrs. Underhill took two bullets in the stomach and Rowe was hit in the left arm and right shoulder.

Still firing, Underhill ran out the front door in his underwear. He had already been knocked down twice as bullets struck him in the house, and as he ran across the lawns of the houses to the west, officers cut loose with machine guns and shotguns.

He took a slug of buckshot in the back and went down. He got up again and as a machine gun rattled, he went down again. Again he got to his feet, staggered, fell, got up and disappeared in the foggy black night. Officers scoured the neighborhood, but he had vanished.

Chagrined, they turned the house, captured the wounded Mrs. Underhill, Rowe and Mrs. Underhill. The wounded were taken to the hospital. Mrs. Underhill is still in the hospital.

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...among the 11 desperate convicts  
...who escaped from the Kansas pen-  
...itentiary at Lansing on Memorial  
...Day. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the  
...department's division of investiga-  
...tion, Saturday ordered agents to  
...capture "dead or alive" Richard T.  
...Galella, accredited with being the  
...only remaining member of the "Un-  
...derhill gang" still at large.

**Only One Missing Now**  
The capture of Underhill speaks  
for itself, said Hoover in a United  
Press dispatch. "We had a line on  
him for a week and now we have  
only one more of the gang to get—  
Richard Galella."

"Of those involved in the Kansas  
City massacre, Verne Miller was  
murdered in Detroit; Bailey, Albert  
Bates and the Kellys are in the pen-  
itentiary. Now we have Underhill."

Hoover said that Galella has a  
long police record and is known to  
have operated under seven aliases.  
Underhill rented the house at  
Shawnee two months ago from Mr.  
and Mrs. Harley Smith, giving the  
name E. A. Sullivan.

"I had no idea who he was," said  
Mrs. Smith. "He paid his rent on  
time and seemed all right. Then  
the other couple moved in, giving  
the name Mr. and Mrs. J. H.  
Reynolds."

Mrs. Smith was vexedly trying to  
straighten up the overturned fur-  
niture in the bullet-riddled house  
Saturday afternoon, while the rem-  
nants of the tear gas caused her to  
sharply rub her eyes.

**Known as Killer**  
Underhill's career was marked by  
an insane wantonness. He had killed  
from five to a dozen men—the exact  
number probably will never be  
known.

When Bailey was arrested in the  
Orchel kidnaping, he told this  
story about Underhill:

"He was always wanting to kill  
somebody. That's why I left his  
company as soon as possible. When  
we escaped and took Warden  
Fryther, he wanted to kill him, but  
we wouldn't let him. A few hours  
afterward we were driving through  
a small Oklahoma town at night  
and saw the town marshal sitting  
in front of the jail."

"Give me that shotgun and drive  
around the block," said Underhill. "I  
want to shoot that ——— to see  
how high he will jump." I dissuaded  
him. He's crazy."

**Ran Gamut of Crime**  
Underhill has been a thief, bur-  
glar and robber from boyhood, but  
his first kill came on Christmas  
night, 1926, almost exactly seven  
years before officers crashed him  
down. Because George Lee, a young  
clerk, did not raise his hands quick-  
ly enough while Underhill was hold-  
ing up an Okmulgee drug store, Un-  
derhill killed him in cold blood.  
Arrested at Tulsa within a week.

...He was believed to have been  
the gunman who shot at two  
...he gave up. He and the companion  
...opened fire with machine guns on  
...officers taking Frank Nash, notori-  
...ous bandit, from the Kansas City  
...Union Station. Four officers and  
...Nash were slain.  
Underhill's many escapes from  
traps was climaxed two weeks ago  
when, sick at Kansas, he fled  
through a hail of bullets to a car  
and eluded officers surrounding the  
house.



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## Public Opinion Is Everything

In the entire history of the world it is doubtful whether a people and its institutions have ever been confronted with harder and more perplexing problems than those that have faced us all during the past twelve months.

Many times it seemed as though the tasks imposed upon our civilization were insurmountable. Individuals, organized groups, commerce, industry, even agriculture and the basic occupations, were equally affected. Yet, a heroic struggle against adverse conditions has been fought by all the people and already some of the most serious problems have been conquered.

Largely this has been true because the people stood shoulder to shoulder making common cause and struggling forward together.

We, perhaps more than any other class of business institution, depend wholly for our very existence on an informed, and intelligent, and a fair-minded public. Without a spirit of considerate understanding and neighborly co-operation on your part, we must fail.

That we have not failed in our fundamental mission of public service, has been due to you more than to any policy or action on our part. Naturally, we are deeply grateful to you and eager to do our full share in carrying out our obligations of service to you.

There are hopeful signs on the horizon and a promise in the New Year. We bespeak a continuance of your attitude of helpful understanding and wish for you the Season's Greetings.



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## Federals Took Up Search Because Two Brother Officers Were Slain

The U. S. government relentlessly pursued Wilbur Underhill primarily because two federal officers were among the victims of ruthless machine gunners at the Kansas City massacre.

As world famous as the maxim that the Royal Northwest Mounted always gets his man, is the axiom that a criminal cannot kill a U. S. agent and get away with it.

Underhill could have gone on murdering drug store clerks and policemen indefinitely without arousing any interest from the federal government. But his mistake, if he actually participated, was in holding one of the machine guns which mowed down officers of Uncle Sam in an effort to rescue a prisoner in their custody.

R. H. Colvin, U. S. agent in charge of the bureau of investigation at Oklahoma City, had laid a net over the entire southwest through which Underhill could not have escaped and could flounder at large only for an indefinite period.

### The Trap Is Set

He was practically the only suspect in the Kansas City massacre which had not been captured or killed and it was absolutely necessary to run Underhill to earth to wipe clean the bloody blot on the escutcheon of Uncle Sam.

Twice Underhill slipped through the fingers of bulldog-like Colvin. Once, on a tip that he was at a town in southeastern Oklahoma, Colvin and a gang of U. S. agents sped there in an auto. They passed Underhill on the way, but he recognized them also, and speeded out of sight.

Again at Konawa, two weeks ago, when it seemed that Underhill's doom had been sealed, he jumped out the window of a surrounded house, leaped into his car and sped away.

But Saturday morning Colvin made certain of his prey. He himself held the machine gun which whipped bullet after bullet into the slim body of the sandy-haired killer.

### Captured Bailey

With the capture of Underhill, Colvin had the second scalp at his belt of the 11 bandits who escaped from Lansing penitentiary on Memorial Day.

Harvey Bailey, another of the escaped, was asleep at the Shannon farm, where Charles F. Urechel, Oklahoma City millionaire oil man had been held captive nine days, when a party headed by Colvin poked guns in his side and ended his brief liberty.

Bailey, like Underhill, made the mistake of bucking "America's Scotland Yard"—the U. S. Bureau of Investigation.

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# U. S. Agent Colvin, Who Seized Bailey on Texas Farm, Relentlessly Pursued—and Captured—Wilbur Underhill



Left to right: Police Chief F. A. Budd, Shawnee; Federal Agent Paul Hanson, Traffic Officer W. A. McKenzie, U. S. Agent E. H. Colvin and Federal Agent Frank Smith, only surviving officer of the Kansas City massacre.

*OKlahoma, News*

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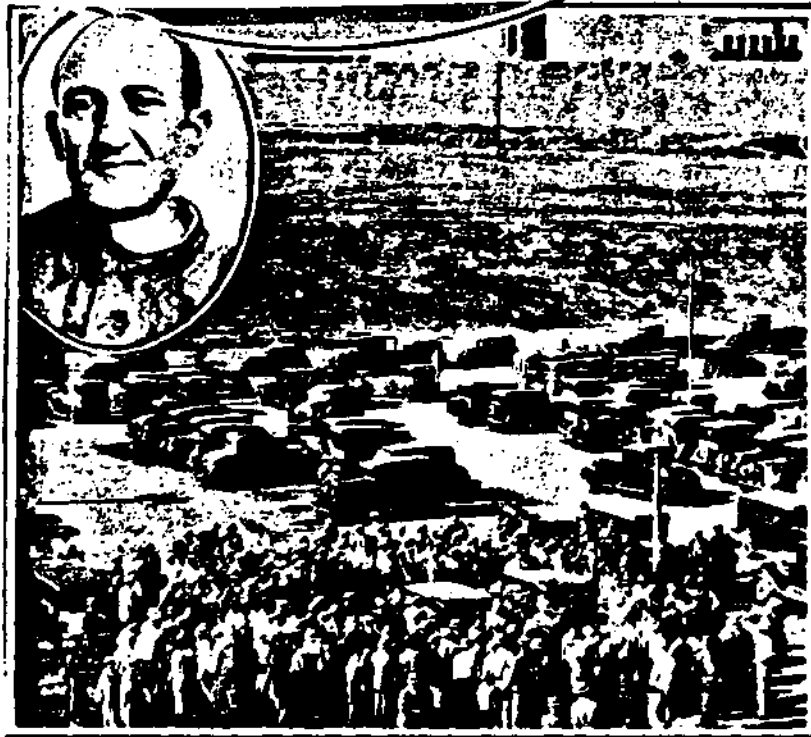
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June 17—The union station massacre in which eight men were ambushed by gangsters with machine guns. Five men were killed outright, and a sixth critically wounded. The photograph shows a crowd at the scene of the plaza horror. Inset: Frank Nash, one of the slain men, who was being brought back to federal prison in Leavenworth by the waylaid officers.

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### "Get Galatis" U. S. Tells Its Agents

Department of Justice agents were ordered yesterday to capture "dead or alive" Richard T. Galatis, only surviving member of the Southwest's infamous Underhill gang. After the dramatic capture of Wilbur Underhill at Shawnee, Okla., yesterday, J. Edgar Hoover urged that the agents exert every effort to "get" Galatis.

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*Charleston Daily Mail*  
*December 31, 1933*

## ROMANCE LED TO BANDIT'S SEIZURE

**Underhill, Desperado, Is  
Near Death After Fight  
With Oklahoma Police**

SHANWEE, Okla., Dec. 30 (UP).—Wilbur Underhill's bold marriage and honeymoon with an old sweetheart led him into the fusillade that placed him on his probable death bed here tonight.

The story of how officers trapped the notorious "Tri-State Terror," was unfolded as he lay in critical condition, his wife in jail, and a woman victim of the raid near death.

That story indicated his greatest mistake was in marrying under his own name and telling the preacher where to send the license. Department of justice agents, led by the same man who directed the successful hunt for the Urschel kidnapers, noted the address. Agents watched the house a month, followed Underhill when he appeared there to take away his bride, shot him down at the next step.

"Wilbur's a good man and he's been trying to go straight, but they just won't let him," his wife said as she sat by the bed on which he had conceded he probably would die.

Eva Mae Nichols, Seminole, lay in another hospital. She was wounded critically when a score of officers an-

swept the quick triggered Underhill's blasts from two pistols.

Raymond Rowe, who rented the house here where the shooting occurred, was slightly wounded.

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Federal interest in Underhill centered in the possibility he participated in the Kansas City Union station massacre in which five men were killed last June. He was wanted as one of the group which broke with Harvey Bailey from Kansas state prison last Memorial day, and also as an escaped Oklahoma convict.

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Underhill's greatest mistake, Colvin said, was made at Colgate, Okla., a month ago, when he secured a license and married Hazel Jarrett Hudson, sister of Floyd Jarrett, Oklahoma bandit.

He directed that the certificate be sent to an address at Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City suburb. The house was under observation from that time on.

Last night, the "lookout" in Capitol Hill reported Underhill and his wife of two months had gone to the address.

Colvin organized a posse armed with machine guns and started for Shawnee.

Shortly before midnight, Colvin received a "tip" Underhill and his bride were at the house at 606 West Drwey avenue.

When the agents surrounded the house they found Underhill apparently getting ready to leave.

"Stick 'em up, it's the federals," Colvin shouted. Bullets from an automatic pistol answered them.

"We cut loose with everything, shotguns, machine guns, tear gas and pistols," Colvin said.

Underhill whirled and ran to the front door, where he plunged directly into an ambush. He fell twice under the hail of slugs as he disappeared in the darkness.

Three hours later, officers received a tip he was at the McAlester Furniture store. At Municipal hospital, doctors said he could not live.

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# Underhill Dying After Gun Battle With U.S. Agents

Daring Outlaw, Trapped With  
Bride, Tries to Escape;  
Girl Is Wounded

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## OUTLAW CLINGS TO LIFE

Underhill clung tenaciously to life as the night hours rolled by, joking at times with his nurses.

He denied flatly he had anything to do with the Kansas City Union Station massacre.

"I didn't have a cock-eyed thing to do with it," he told questioners. Pressed for a death-bed statement on his recent activities, Underhill demurred, saying:

"I might get over this."

Physicians said, however, he had but little chance to recover.

## SHADOWED FOUSE

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# POLICE SHOOT AND CAPTURE UNDERHILL

Outlaw Fights Way Through  
Police Only to Be Caught  
Later in Underwear

SHAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 30 (I.N.S.).—Wilbur Underhill, notorious desperado and once co-leader with Harvey Bailey of the Bailey-Underhill gang, was critically wounded today when he shot his way through a line of 17 city and Federal officers who had surrounded a house in the northern part of the city.

## Positive Identification

When taken to Municipal Hospital here, Underhill refused to talk and would not admit his identity. However, police announced he had been identified positively as the notorious desperado.

He was captured about 7 a. m. in the business district of the city three hours after the gun battle, clad only in underwear.

Underhill's wife was captured by the officers and their two companions—Ralph Howe and Eva Mae Nichols—were wounded.

The wounded were taken to Municipal Hospital, and Mrs. Underhill, who married the desperado only a few weeks ago, was taken to jail.

Underhill was shot four times, and his condition was reported at the hospital as extremely grave. One bullet lodged near the base of his spine. In addition, he suffered a scalp wound, a wound in his left arm, and one in his right leg.

## 17 Police Surround House

Miss Nichols was shot in the abdomen. Her condition also was described as critical. Rowe was less seriously wounded.

Seventeen officers, including seven Federal officers, led by R. H. Colvin, of Oklahoma City, surrounded the house shortly after 3 a. m., but Underhill, clad only in underwear, slipped through the line under furious gunfire. The other three were captured at the house.

An intensive three hour hunt followed, terminating when Underhill was seized in the business district of the city.

Underhill has been the object

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# GOLD ON RISE, DOLLAR DIPS

LONDON, Dec. 30 (I.N.S.).—The American dollar dropped on the London Exchange today, finishing at \$5.12½ to the pound as against \$5.08½ at the opening.

The pound closed at \$5.11½ on Montreal and \$5.15 francs on Paris.

The international gold price was raised four pence (about eight cents) to 128 shillings, six pence in ounce, with a premium of 2½ pence over the French rate.

This was equal to about \$22.50 American currency at today's

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## POLICE WOUND UNDERHILL

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of an intense nation-wide hunt since he and Bailey, now serving a life sentence in Federal prison at Leavenworth for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma City oil man, led a spectacular escape from the Kansas State Prison at Lansing last Memorial Day.

### Blamed for Terror Reign

A reign of terror throughout the Southwest followed the prison break, and several of those to escape, including both Underhill and Bailey, were accused by the Government with participation last June 17 in the Union Station massacre in Kansas City, in which four officers and their prisoner were slain.

Underhill has been identified by Federal officers as the man who stood beside Bailey as the latter turned a lethal fire from a machine gun into the group of officers and their prisoner.

Underhill was not armed with a machine gun during the massacre, officers said, but, instead, carried an automatic pistol.

Underhill has been termed by officers as one of the most dangerous criminals in the country and has been identified as a participant in numerous bank robberies throughout the Southwest since his escape from the Kansas State Prison.

### Sent Police Confession

Once he sent officers a "confession" to the robbery of a bank in Arkansas and to make his confession authentic he attached his fingerprints to the letter. Officers discredited the confession, but the robbery took place the day before the Kansas City massacre and they believed the fugitive was attempting to establish an alibi for the massacre accusation.

Several weeks ago he surprised officers by boldly walking into the county clerk's office at Coalgate, Okla., and asking for a license to marry his childhood sweetheart. His actions were so bold that officers were not suspicious. It was several days after the ceremony when his true identity was discovered.

# WILBUR UNDERHILL, FUGITIVE CONVICT, HELD IN OKLAHOMA

Desperado Severely Wounded  
Fleeing Officers Shortly  
Before Capture.

BRIDE IS AMONG THREE  
OTHERS TAKEN IN RAID

Led Break From Kansas Prison  
and Was Wanted for Slaying  
of Frank Nash.

By the Associated Press.

SHAWNEE, Okla., December 30.—  
Dazed and bleeding, Wilbur Underhill,  
Southwestern desperado, was captured  
here shortly after 7 a.m. today.

A squad of officers, largely Oklahoma  
City police, found him in a small fur-  
niture store in the heart of the busi-  
ness district. He offered no resistance.

He had broken into the store in an  
effort to elude pursuers after being  
wounded dangerously a few hours be-  
fore in escaping from a house sur-  
rounded by a posse.

The captured man was taken to Mu-  
nicipal Hospital, where physicians said  
he had only slight chance of recovery.  
He was suffering from wounds in the  
back, left arm, right leg and scalp.

Underhill was one of two leaders of  
the Memorial day break of 11 prisoners  
from the Kansas Penitentiary at  
 Lansing.

## Clad in Underwear.

He had escaped from the house clad  
only in his underwear in a shower of  
machine gun bullets. R. H. Colver,  
Federal agent, said he fired a machine  
gun at the man through a rear window  
of the house and that the man fell.

Later the man ran from the house  
through the front door and was shot  
at again by officers armed with shot-  
guns. He fell again, but got up and  
ran into a plowed field nearby.

A man and a woman in the house  
were wounded.

Officers tentatively identified the  
woman as Ella Mae Nichols or Eccels.  
She was shot in the stomach and her  
condition was described as critical by  
physicians at a hospital.

The man, identified by police as Ray-  
mond Roe, was wounded slightly in  
the right shoulder.

A second woman captured was iden-  
tified by officers as Hazel Hudson, Un-  
derhill's bride.

Underhill, known as the "Lone Wolf"  
and the "Tri-State Terror," was serv-  
ing a life sentence for the murder of  
Merle Colver, Wichita, Kans., police-  
man, when he escaped last May 30.

## Wanted for Murder of Boy.

He was reported to have been one  
of two leaders of the break, the other  
being Harvey Bailey, captured in Texas  
and now in the Leavenworth Federal  
Penitentiary serving a life sentence on  
conviction of participation in the \$200,-  
000 ransom abduction of Charles F.  
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tentiary at McAlester in August, 1931,  
while serving for the murder of a  
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slaying of convict Frank Nash and four  
officers on the Kansas City Union Sta-  
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liberate Nash. A Government agent,  
Raymond Caffrey, was one of those  
slain.

Numerous bank robberies and lesser  
crimes are charged up to Underhill,  
who operated mostly in the section of  
hills and rugged country in South-  
western Missouri, Northwestern Arkan-  
sas and Northeastern Oklahoma.

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from the Kansas prison have been re-  
captured or slain.

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# **UNDERHILL, WORST OF BAD MEN, DYING**

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To close the books on the other principal Southwestern outlaws still defying capture, officers still seek Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Clyde Barrow, robber and murderer, as well as Davis.

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# Wives of 3 Bad Men Hold Reunion Here

Mrs. Bob Brady, Mrs. Jim Clark and Mrs. Wilbur Underhill, Whose Mates Fled Prison Last Memorial Day, Are in City Cells



Above, sitting in the chair, is Mrs. Bob Brady, and on the arm, Mrs. Jim Clark. Below, Mrs. Wilbur Underhill.

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**T**HE wives of three bad men—Wilbur Underhill, Bob Brady, and Jim Clark—were holding a "reunion" today in the city and county jails here.

The notorious mates of the three attractive women were among the 11 convicts who made their way to freedom in the Memorial Day break from the Lansing, Kan., penitentiary, led by Harvey Bailey.

Arrested separately and under different circumstances, the three well-dressed women all were behind the same kind of bars today, booked for "investigation."

Mrs. Hazel Underhill, 35, dark and small, and mother of three children, was brought to the county jail here from Shawnee, where her notorious out-law husband was riddled with bullets last week in his capture there.

Mrs. Ruth—or Beulah—Clark, was arrested in the 700 block E. Shattell-av by detectives Clarence Hurt and Mickey Ryan, after Mrs. Leona Brady, 22, was arrested on a reckless driving charge and placed in jail in default of a \$6 fine.

**A STORY—WITHIN-A-STORY** lies in the arrest and police trial of pretty Leona Brady.

She arrived in the city early this week to visit her mother, Mrs. Bessie Defer, in whose home Mrs. Clark was arrested. She came here from Tucumcari, N. Mex., where three months ago her husband was seriously wounded in a gun battle with officers that ended with the capture and return to prison of Jim Clark.

Driving to on the El Reno high-

way, a police scout car crowded her to the curb and the two officers "looked her over." They did not recognize her as Bob Brady's wife, but were merely examining the car and occupant because of the foreign license tag.

Then, Wednesday Leona backed out of the driveway at her mother's home and smashed into the car of A. D. Saul, 3219 NW 15th-st. Saul signed a reckless driving complaint against Mrs. Brady and she was taken to the police station.

It is a question whether or not Police Sgt. Lee Mullenix recognized Mrs. Leona Brady as the wife of the criminal, Bob Brady. He knew her about six years ago when she and Brady were bootlegging here.

At any rate, Sgt. Mullenix released her on her own bond with the promise she would appear in court the next day.

**S**HE did, and Police Judge Mike Foster and several officers in the court room all failed to recognize her. Judge Foster found her guilty of the charge and fined her \$6.

"I'll stay in jail until the fine is paid out rather than ask mother to make a sacrifice," the unidentified girl said.

"Even if I had the \$6, I'd give it to mother. She needs it worse than the city does."

So Leona Brady was sent to the Bertillon department for "mugging" and fingerprinting. She gave the experts there her husband's correct name, R. G. Brady, but they failed to connect it with Bob Brady, the outlaw.

Not until this morning, did the jail inhabitants realize they had an "honored" guest in their midst. Detective Clarence Hurt happened to get a glance at her and recognized her.

Mrs. Brady readily admitted the identification, and laughed about the way she had come and gone about the police headquarters without anyone knowing her.

"They are holding me under investigation now, but I intended to serve out the six days, anyway," she laughed.

Underhill is under life sentence at Lansing for murder. Wounded 15 times last Saturday, he is given no chance to recover in a Shawnee hospital.

Clark and Brady are under life sentences at Lansing under the Kansas habitual criminal law.

Of the 11 convicts who escaped Memorial Day, only one remains at large, Ed Davis.

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## SHOT AND CAUGHT

### DESPERATE CONVICT TRAPPED IN STORE FOLLOWING FLIGHT

Captured Outlaw and One Still Free



Wilbur Underhill (left), desperado who escaped from the Kansas penitentiary last Memorial day with two other prisoners, was captured at Shawnee, Ok., Saturday morning.



On the right is Ed Davis, the only one of the eleven fugitives unaccounted for. Davis was serving a life term for bank robbery in Bourbon county.

### Only One of Eleven Who Staged Memorial Day Break Is at Large

Capture of Wilbur Underhill Leaves Ed Davis as Remaining Fugitive to Be Returned to Lansing.

LANCING, KAN., Dec. 30.—(Special)—The capture of Wilbur Underhill at Shawnee, Ok., Saturday morning left at large only one of the eleven desperadoes who last Memorial day staged the sensational break from the state penitentiary here, taking Warden Kiet Prether and two guards with them in their flight.

The captured fugitive is Ed Davis, 35 years old, who was serving a life term for the heinous criminal act, having been received at the Lansing penitentiary July 2, 1928, from Bourbon county for bank robbery. He was serving two years in the Oklahoma reformatory for the same crime and escaped from the Oklahoma penitentiary at McAlester, Ok., last August 12, 1933, after serving a life term for a robbery.

### Pesse Wounds Convict in Raid on House in Shawnee, Ok.

BRIDE CAUGHT, TOO

Two Other Occupants of  
Dwelling Shot and  
Arrested.

By The Associated Press  
SHAWNEE, OK., Dec. 30.—Wilbur Underhill, hunted since last Memorial day as one of the Southwest's most dangerous outlaws, was wounded, perhaps fatally, and captured before dawn Saturday as he fled from officers who bombarded his refuge with bullets and tear gas bombs.

Soon after the raid on a residence, the notorious outlaw, known as the "tri-state terror," was found cringing inside a furniture store. He had broken into the store in his frenzied search for a haven.

Traffic police and deputies found him lying in a blood-soaked bed in a furniture store, into which he had broken. His face was wrecked in pain.

"You're in a pretty bad way, Underhill," Sheriff Stanley Rogers of Oklahoma City said.

"Yes, I'm shot to hell," Underhill moaned. "They hit me five times. I counted them as they hit me."

He was taken to a hospital where physicians said the wounds might cause death.

Fugitives with them.

The barrage of machine gun bullets, shotgun charges and pistol fire tore his body. His back was peppered with shot inflicted with a pistol. He was wounded in the left arm, the right leg and hand.





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## WILBUR UNDERHILL IS WOUNDED AND CAUGHT BY POSSE

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eleven desperadoes who fled from the Kansas penitentiary Memorial day during a baseball game, remained at liberty. The lone fugitive is Ed Davis, convicted murderer.

Included in the list of those recaptured was Harvey J. Bailey, now serving a life sentence in the federal penitentiary annex at Leavenworth.

Federal agents sprang the trap that resulted in catching Underhill. They took no chances with him. Bailey, convicted in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, had told them "Underhill is the worst I've ever seen." Bailey had told them he had reconfrated with Underhill, who wanted to kill Warden Kirk Prather of the Kansas state penitentiary whom the convicts seized as a hostage in the prison break last May 20. Prather was released near Vinita, Ok.

Underhill to Door.

Federal agents at 4 o'clock Saturday morning called at the home in the residential section here near Oklahoma Baptist university where Underhill was staying. Dressed in his underwear, the desperado answered a knock at the front door.

He saw the callers were officers and began shooting with a pistol he carried to the door with him. The posse sprayed the house with machine gun bullets and then released quantities of tear gas which, clinging close to the ground in the early morning fog, seeped into the house.

Underhill dropped. Officers turned their attention to others in the house only to discover Underhill had jumped up and run away. An officer saw him fleeing and fired a shotgun. The fugitive dropped and crawled away under cover of the fog.

Bloodhounds were ordered from the state penitentiary.

Shortly after 7 o'clock Sheriff Stanley Rogers and a group of Oklahoma City officers and Shawnee Traffic Officer Bill McKenzie came upon Underhill, crouching in his underwear, shivering and weakened by his wounds, at the rear of the McAlester furniture store.

Unable to Resist.

He could offer no resistance. Mrs. Underhill did not resist. Officers said she appeared intoxicated. She went to sleep as soon as she was taken to her cell.

With Underhill in custody, it was revealed that more than twenty Kansas officers had been in Oklahoma the last month trailing the bandit. Chief O. P. Ray of the state criminal bureau said the officers and an assistant attorney general of Kansas went to Tulsa and organized an active hunt for the "tri-state terror." He said that Gov. Alfred M. Landis at Topeka had instructed his officers to spare no expense and to use a special armored car for the raiding jagged hide-out.

The armored car, described as equipped with machine guns in warlike "pill-box" fashion, did not participate in the raid Saturday.

**Underhill's Long Crime Career Packed With Violence and Murder**

Without Underhill, quick-tempered, snarling and Southwest "bad man," the law lost big league criminal to the before the government's anti-crime drive.

his term, when on July 14, 1931, he contrived to have himself packed in a box of overalls being shipped from the prison factory.

**Given Life Term.**

For more than 9 months, officers throughout the Southwest searched for him without a single clue to his whereabouts. Then in the middle of August he appeared at Wichita, Kas., with his nephew, Frank Underhill, 18, of Kansas City.

An officer sought to question the pair. Wilbur Underhill fled, a gun pouring lead into the body of Merle Colver, the Wichita policeman.

Underhill was arrested. Fearful of being returned to Oklahoma where he still faced a murder charge in Ottawa county Underhill pleaded guilty to Colver's murder and was sentenced to life at Lansing prison.

Underhill was not a "good" prisoner. Unlike many of the hardened gentry of middle-western underworld, he would not comply with prison regulations.

**Kidnap Warden.**

A few weeks after his arrival at Lansing, Underhill led in plans for a riot that was frustrated. He was put in solitary confinement. A month in solitary failed to move Underhill. He was taken before Warden Kirk Prather, who asked him if he was willing to behave and offered to give back his forfeited prison privileges.

"No," the burly prisoner told Prather. "I'm not going to behave and I'm going to get you before I get out."

He didn't quite live up to his threat, for he and Warden Prather with him, a cage, as he and Bailey fled prison after a Memorial day break.

Prather rec'd how Bailey saved his life when the fleeing convicts reached Oklahoma. Underhill, he said, wanted to kill him outright, but Bailey talked him out of it.

A short time later he was back in his old haunts in the hills of Oklahoma, occasionally leading a marauding party of bandits on banks in Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

**ONLY ONE OF 11 IN PRISON BREAK STILL AT LARGE**

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## CONGRESS MUST ACT TO SALVAGE PWA PROJECTS

### 40 Programs in 32 States Threatened by Lack of Funds.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Unless congress appropriates additional funds for the public works administration, about forty flood control, navigation, conservation and power projects in thirty-two states, involving approximately \$850,000,000, will die a natural death, the United Press learned Saturday.

Many of these projects have been investigated by army engineers, who have submitted favorable or adverse reports to the Mississippi valley committee. Others are being scrutinized by the committee which is endeavoring to establish a program of general, as well as local, value.

So many intricate details have arisen in work of the committee that contemplated improvements affecting the Mississippi valley drainage area have remained on the shelf while others were approved and financed with allotments which have virtually depleted the \$3,300,000 public works fund.

Projects involving the Mississippi valley drainage area, referred to the committee and still pending, include:

- Kiro dam, Kaw river valley, Kansas, \$4,000,000.
- Missouri river dam and diversion, North and South Dakota, \$43,135,000.
- Upper Missouri valley development, South Dakota, \$18,500,000.
- Bellevue dam, Great river, Nebraska, \$10,000,000.
- Colorado reservoir, Gage river, Missouri, \$21,000,000.
- Lawrence lake, Missouri, \$15,000,000.
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**TO CELEBRATE REPEAL**

Repeal will be celebrated New Year's eve by the bartender's and beverage dispenser's union with masquerade ball and entertainment in Carpenter's hall. C. B. Nelson heads the committee in charge. The souvenir programs will contain President Roosevelt's proclamation of the repeal of the eighteen amendment.

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# Administration to Fight All Silver

## PRESIDENT TO GIVE LONDON PACT CHANCE

International Action in Behalf of Metal Is His Plan

### UNMOVED BY SENATORS

Later Roosevelt May Go Beyond Agreement of Last Summer.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Administration congressional leaders were said on good authority Saturday to be under orders to block all silver legislation this winter, pending outcome of the London agreement effort to increase the price of that metal.

Informed exposition of administration policy shows that President Roosevelt is determined to deal with silver within the scope of international agreement. He may eventually go beyond the London agreement itself. But if so, the next move likewise would be the outcome of international discussion.

On that issue the president will meet and fight the congressional remonetization group this winter. The effort to deal with silver by international action is the reverse of Roosevelt's gold policy. On gold the United States just now is going it alone.

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### TO WASHINGTON JOB

Miss Ruth Robinson Will Join Dr. Miller.

Miss Ruth Robinson, secretary of the Independence Boulevard Christian church the last two years, will go to Washington January 16 to continue as secretary to Dr. Raphael H. Miller, who recently accepted the pastorate of the National City Christian church there.

Miss Robinson, who is first vice-president of the Kansas City Business and Professional Women's club, has been active in club work since coming to Kansas City in 1925. She has served on the state boards of both the Missouri and Kansas Federations of Business and Professional Women's clubs and has been regional chairman of the South Central district, composed of Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana. Before becoming secretary of the Independence Boulevard Christian church, she was engaged in advertising work here.

Miss Robinson will be present at the formal installation of Dr. Miller-January 14. The Kansas City Business and Professional Women's club will give a dinner in her honor January 8.

## TUGWELL DRAWS BOTH PRAISE AND BITTER CRITICISM

Landon Sees Possible Permanent Solution in Land Control Plan.

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## POLICEMAN GIVES GRAPHIC ACCOUNT

## Cowardly Homicidal Maniac, Says Ex-Warden Prather of Underhill

Kansan Adds Convict Should Be Returned to Prison and Door Welded Shut Behind Him.

"A cowardly homicidal maniac—a man on whom the door of penitentiary cell should be welded for the rest of his life."

That is Kirk Prather's opinion of Wilbur (Possum) Underhill, the prosecutory method he would take to prevent the killer ever again obtaining his liberty.

Prather was warden of the Kansas state penitentiary last Monday when Underhill, Harvey Bailey and eight other desperate term convicts staged their break, taking the warden with them as hostage. During the hours he was held captive, Prather had the opportunity to observe Underhill and his associates under conditions entirely different from those when the convicts were prisoners in penitentiary.

At his home at 900 Minnesota avenue, Kansas City, Kas., Saturday, Prather recalled his numerous contacts with Underhill from the time he first became warden of the penitentiary in 1931 until he last saw the convict when the latter released him on an Oklahoma road more than twenty-four hours after the Memorial day prison break.

#### "Brave" on Morphine.

"Underhill not only is a homicidal maniac, but he uses narcotics as well," Prather asserted Saturday. "Although a yellow coward under normal conditions, when he is under the influence of morphine he acquires a false courage and kills for the pleasure."

"If my recommendation is of any value, I would propose that the judge before whom Underhill is taken sentence him to solitary confinement for life. Then he should be locked in a cell, the key thrown away and the door welded shut, so that he never again can be given the last chance of ever obtaining his liberty."

Prather said that if Underhill should be sentenced to hard labor he would have too many opportunities to stage another prison break, and a man of his type should be given no opportunities of any kind.

When Underhill and his convict associates escaped from the penitentiary at Lansing it was Underhill who seized Prather from behind as the warden watched the holiday baseball game inside the prison walls.

#### For Killing Prather.

"Underhill was under the influence of a narcotic even then," Prather said. "He suggested killing me as soon as the car in which we were riding got out of sight of the prison walls, but the other members of the band prevented that."

All during the 180 miles that Prather rode with the convicts as their prisoner Underhill sat watching him with the trigger of his revolver cocked.

"Not once during the ride did he ever place the trigger on safety," the former warden said. "And often during the trip, Underhill begged me to make a run for it so that he could kill me."

Prather said that Underhill received narcotics often while an inmate of the state penitentiary. He was unable to explain the manner in which they were smuggled inside the walls. That, Prather said, was one of the principal problems confronting penitentiary authorities, and they never had been able to solve completely. Convict help in charge of the hospital where drugs necessarily are kept.

#### Underhill Under Arrest.

Underhill, under arrest, is in solitary confinement for the rest of his life, will be a homicidal maniac.

## FRANCE MOVES IN HOPE OF BREAKING ARMS DEADLOCK

Direct Reply to Hitler Demands Is Sent Forward.

By United Press.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—France, shoring up prejudices in hope of breaking a disarmament deadlock that rise to fears of war, Saturday forwarded to Chancellor Adolf Hitler a direct reply to his arms proposal.

Foreign Minister Joseph P. Boncour handed the reply to Francois-Poncet, French ambassador to Germany, who will deliver it to Hitler in person.

Many days of anxious consultation preceded the decision to reply to Hitler's proposals, demanding they did an increase in German treaty-limited army from 10 long term professional soldiers 300,000 short term ones who taught the fundamentals of war a short time.

Paul-Boncour announced the reply himself. At the time he paid a new tribute to President Roosevelt's world peace speech of Thursday and said he was confident the League of Nations would triumph over its present difficulties.

#### Up to Two Nations.

He was asked if the announcement meant the continuation of direct negotiations with Germany. He said that only in that case could direct negotiations be conducted. He said that the proposals to the government were not continuing negotiations through our respective chancelleries, what are doing?" asked Paul-Boncour.

"Apparently some people into direct negotiations as a smokescreen. By normal channels we are preparing for the League of Nations."

"I sincerely hope," said Boncour, "that the communication M. P. P. will make will put the German government the way toward equitable reduction of armaments and in mutual security remains wide open."

"It depends on Germany France working in this can give the league new life. Found in Accord. We are particularly happy near the noble speech of President Roosevelt and the declaration of Maxim Litvinov, Russian foreign minister."



...morning fog, swept into the house. Underhill dropped. Officers turned their attention to others in the house only to discover Underhill had jumped up and run away. An officer saw him fleeing and fired a shotgun. The fugitive dropped and crawled away under cover of the fog.

Bloodhounds were ordered from the state penitentiary. Shortly after 7 o'clock Sheriff Stanley Rogers and a group of Oklahoma City officers and Shawnee Traffic Officer Bill McKenzie came upon Underhill, crouching in his underwear, shivering and weakened by his wounds, at the rear of the McAlester furniture store.

Unable to Resist. He could offer no resistance. Mrs. Underhill did not resist. Officers said she appeared intoxicated. She went to sleep as soon as she was taken to her cell.

With Underhill in custody, it was revealed that more than twenty Kansas officers had been in Oklahoma the last month trailing the bandit. Chief O. F. Ray of the state criminal bureau said the officers and an assistant attorney general of Kansas went to Tulsa and organized an active hunt for the "tri-state terror." He said that Gov. Alfred M. Barger had instructed his officers to spare no expense and to use a special armored car for the raid in raising gangster hideouts. The armored car, described as equipped with machine guns in wartime "pill-box" fashion, did not participate in the raid Saturday.

### Underhill's Long Crime Career Packed With Violence and Murder

Without Underhill, quick-tempered murderer and Southwest "bad man," is the latest big league criminal to fall before the government's anti-crime drive.

Most sought of mid-continent murderers, Underhill once donned feminine garb to trick authorities into making him up as a he "old woman."

In this case he escaped a 10-year term at Oklahoma City for a later enjoyment of a freedom because in violence at the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing when with Harvey J. Bailey he led nine other convicts in a daring break.

There is only one picture of Underhill that fits his life. It is a picture some officers carried to the grave—a picture of a man whose left hand was as expert as his right with a pistol.

#### Long Crime Career

Known to police of every southwestern state, Underhill earned the sobriquet of the "tri-state terror." He was a young man then, scarcely more than a youth, and lived at Viola, Ok.

Now he is 30 years old. To his account are credited numerous bank robberies, escapes, killings.

Underhill has slipped through police traps—three times leaving dead men behind. Five men lay dead or dying at the Kansas City Union station plaza last June 17, when the underworld sought to deliver Frank Nash.

The dead were not the usual dead of underworld killings. Four of them were officers, one an agent of the bureau of investigation, which only once before in its history had lost a man through violence.

#### Indicted as Gunner

The government indicted Underhill as one of the massacre gunners. The criminal also is wanted by Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, and he is suspected of other crimes in Texas and Missouri.

On Christmas night, 1926, Underhill ran from a drug store at Okmulgee, his gun spitting fire. Behind, George Fox, who sought to stop the holdup, lay dead.

Two months later, in February, Earl O'Neal, a mine worker, attempted to capture him, having learned his identity. O'Neal went to his grave at Picher, Ok., with Underhill's bullet.

Recently he was captured and brought to trial and sentenced to the penitentiary in the penitentiary at Lansing.

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#### Meet Fearless Cashier

Conn and Payton met their master in Isaac McCarty, fearless Irishman and cashier of the Labette County State bank at Altamont, Kas. Conn and Payton entered the bank while Mrs. McCarty and an assistant cashier were behind the tellers' cages. McCarty saw the convicts drive up to the bank and sensed they were bandits. He ran to a balcony where he had hidden a rifle and a shotgun to be used in case of a holdup.

Payton shouted, "This is a hold-up." Then McCarty went into action. A charge from a shotgun felled Payton, and shot out his eyes. Conn, seeking cover, used Mrs. McCarty as a shield. McCarty, however, coolly took aim and picked off the convict, killing him instantly with a rifle bullet.

Payton is 22 years old. He was sent to the penitentiary from Labette county October 18, 1930, to serve 20 to 100 years for bank robbery. He was returned to the prison after he had been wounded and now is in the prison hospital.

### DR. BURRIS A. JENKINS TO IOWA TO LECTURE

Dr. and Mrs. Burris A. Jenkins will leave Sunday afternoon for Marshalltown, Ia., where Dr. Jenkins is scheduled to make a number of speeches before church groups, business meetings, shop men and young men and women. The trip from Kansas City will be made by plane to Des Moines, from where Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins will proceed by motor car to Marshalltown. They expect to return to Kansas City next Friday.

#### LIFE IN LOG CABIN

BLANCHARDVILLE, WIS. — (AP)—Andrew O. Nyhus, 80 years old, who never has lived in anything but a log cabin since he came to America sixty-three years ago, refused to leave his log home when his wife died last fall. A son, Albert, came back to stay with his father in the log cabin, which was erected when Wisconsin still was a territory.

...Upper Missouri valley...  
...Missouri river...  
...South Dakota...

### REGULAR STREET CAR SERVICE TO A. M. NEW YEAR'S

#### Special Owl Service to Be Provided After That Hour.

Regular street car schedules will be in effect until 1 o'clock New Year's morning, supplemented by special owl car service after that hour. It was announced Saturday by the City of Tulsa.

Service company. Owl car schedules will be in effect until 1 o'clock Monday morning, when the cars will go on the regular Sunday schedules.

The special owl car schedule:  
Argentine—1:30, 2:00 a. m. car from Twelfth and Main, northbound.  
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Twelfth and Wyandotte, eastbound.  
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Europe Park—1:30, 2:00 a. m. car from Twelfth and Walnut, southbound.  
Independence, Mo.—1:30, 2:00 a. m. car from Twelfth and Main.  
Jackson—1:30, 2:00 a. m. car from Twelfth and Wyandotte, eastbound.  
Rosenberg—1:30, 2:00 a. m. car from Twelfth and Main, southbound.  
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Rosedale—1:30, 2:00 a. m. car from Twelfth and Wyandotte, southbound.  
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**Approves Limited Sales.**  
The Indian legislative council already has approved that clause of the agreement which limits Indian sales of silver. It was against the floor of demoralized Indian silver that the conferees sought a barrier to London.

As the silver producing states join the United States and the effect of the London agreement becomes apparent, the administration is convinced silver men will become more content and less anxious to vote a go-it-alone policy.

If that optimistic expectation is not realized, Roosevelt still has his power of veto. Wheeler conceded it unlikely that he could obtain the two-thirds majority necessary to legislate against a veto.

**PUNCH'S LATEST.**  
"I always call a spade a spade," says a writer. A good habit to get into, especially at whist-drives.

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Underhill," Sheriff Stanley Rogers of Oklahoma City said.

"Yes, I'm shot to hell," Underhill said.

"They hit me five times. I counted them as they hit me."

We loaded him in an ambulance and started him to the hospital under heavy guard.

He never said anything more while I was there. Never mentioned his wife.

I don't believe he knew we had captured his companions.

Underhill didn't argue about his identity.

He has had two gold teeth installed directly in the middle of his mouth, upper teeth.

Easy to Recognize.

These changed his appearance somewhat, but anyone who had seen his picture couldn't fail to know him.

His capture brought the greatest force of peace officers here ever assembled in Shawnee on a criminal hunt.

More than fifteen federal agents were here, besides the Shawnee police, Oklahoma county officers and officers from surrounding counties.

Underhill didn't have a chance to escape without being shot, he was so well trapped.

When we found him, he was clad in his socks and underwear. He had been out in the cold more than two hours, running down alleys and dodging officers in the thick fog and rain, bleeding profusely from his wounds.

**E. D. BIGELOW GAINS.**  
E. D. Bigelow, assistant to the president of the Board of Trade, is continuing to show improvement following a severe illness. It was reported Saturday at his home, 3729 Baltimore avenue, Mr. Bigelow is 36 years old.

**WOUNDED BANDIT DIES.**  
LAWRENCE KAS, Dec. 25.—Ted Dodson, alias Dawson, 35 years old, of Sandusky, Ok., shot by a policeman Friday morning when he was caught in the act of holding up a policeman, died in a hospital here today.

## Control Plan

The Agricultural West Bureau, which has been working for a long time on the problem of agricultural control, has proposed a plan for the control of all land, both public and private.

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Under his plan, land which cannot be operated effectively under private ownership would be taken over by the government as public forests, game preserves, grazing ranges and similar developments.

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## Underhill, Unless Placed in Solitary Confinement for the Rest of his Life, Will Be a Continuous Menace, in the Opinion of Prather.

All during the 120 miles that Prather rode with the chevics as their prisoner Underhill sat watching him with the trigger of his revolver cocked.

"Not once during the ride did he ever place the trigger on safety," the former warden said. "And often during the trip, Underhill begged me to make a run for it so that he could kill me."

Prather said that Underhill received narcotics while in the hands of the state penitentiary. He was unable to explain the manner in which they were smuggled inside the walls. That, Prather said, was one of the principal problems confronting penitentiary authorities, and they never had been able to solve completely. Convict help is in charge of the hospital, where drugs necessarily are kept.

**Urges Solitary Confinement.**  
Underhill, unless placed in solitary confinement for the rest of his life, will be a continuous menace, in the opinion of Prather. All during the time he was confined at the prison at Lansing for the murder of a Wichita patrolman he plotted to escape.

Two months after he became warden there in 1931 a prisoner, Stanton Cook, came to see and told me of a plot to stage a prison break the next day. I investigated and discovered five shot guns, a rifle and 350 rounds of ammunition concealed about the grounds.

Prather said that Underhill was found to be one of the ringleaders in the plot and he and his confederates were placed in solitary confinement for a year.

In his investigation of the plot, Prather discovered that two of the shotguns had been manufactured in the prison machine shops.

During the months that followed, Prather had an excellent opportunity to observe Underhill. He discovered, he said, that the prisoner was an incurable homicidal maniac with a lust to kill, although at the same time a coward who would attack only when the odds were greatly in his favor.

## PASSES TRIM INCOME

**Street Car Revenues From Shopping Lower.**

Revenues of the Kansas City Public Service company for Christmas shopping week were 2.53 per cent less than a year ago. This decline was in the face of 25 per cent more money spent in the stores by Christmas shoppers. The company stated there were 25 per cent more rides on the street cars during the week, but the shoppers were carried at less money, due to use of the weekly pass.

For the year the company's receipts will be about 18 per cent less than for 1932. Revenues in 1932 were \$2,200,000 and this year will total approximately \$2,000,000.

The new street car fare will become effective at the end of the year. It will be 10 cents for a single ride and 25 cents for a weekly pass. The fare will be 10 cents for a single ride and 25 cents for a weekly pass. The fare will be 10 cents for a single ride and 25 cents for a weekly pass.

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## TO VISIT OHIO LO

**Paul Brith Leader Official Trip.**

Joseph Cohen, president of District Grand Lodge No. 1, will leave for an official visit to the Ohio lodges in northeastern Ohio. He will be accompanied by Cohen.

The tour is in conformity with long established custom of the Ohio Grand lodge which has the head of the district administration to visit each sixty-seven lodges in the states under his jurisdiction.

Cohen already has visited lodges in his district with exception of those in Ohio and Kentucky.

The cities included in the tour will be Marion, Cleveland, Toledo, Canton, Mansfield, town, Warren, Steubenville and Cleveland Heights.

Cohen will give an address at each of the lodges visited, stress the work that the B'n' is doing in connection with the education of Jews in Germany combating anti-Semitic propaganda in this country.

District headquarters of the B'n' Grand lodge are in the Huron building, Kansas City.

**COMETOCK TO CLUB**  
Secretaryship of the Ad Club will be held over by H. P. Cometock, former president of the organization.

Cometock has resigned to take a position in the city.



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Wilbur Underhill, killer, bank robber, kidnaper and escaped convict, who shared "honors" with "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Verne Miller and John Dillinger, as the "hottest" men in the United States, met his Waterloo, Dec. 30, in Shawnee, Okla. Previous to his escape from Kansas State Penitentiary on May 30, when he led ten others to freedom, Underhill had killed two policemen and robbed several banks. Following his escape, he is thought to have been a participant in the Kansas City massacre in which four officers lost their lives. He robbed many banks in Oklahoma and Missouri since last May, and was probably deserving of the title of the "Tri-State Terror."

Shawnee and Oklahoma City officers working under R. H. Colvin, Department of Justice agent, surrounded a Shawnee residence. Colvin saw Underhill and shouted to him to surrender. Instead, Underhill grabbed two pistols and began firing. Underhill, wounded eleven times, escaped from the building, but was caught four hours later in a store 16 blocks away. He died Jan. 8.

~~December was a bad month for Illinois bank robbers.~~

~~Seeking John Dillinger and his gang of murderers and robbers, a squad of Chicago police, led by Captain John Stege, raided a fashionable Rogers Park apartment, with the net result of three dead gangsters, Louis Katz witz, Charles Tattlebaum, alias Chuck Tilden, and Sam Ginsburg, a paroled Michigan convict. None were members of the Dillinger mob.~~

~~Tattlebaum and Katzewitz escaped from the county jail at Ottawa, Ill., June 15, 1932. They had previously robbed a bank in Streator of \$52,000. While at large they shot and killed two Chicago policemen, John Skopok~~

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### HAIL TO—

Detroit gangsters who took Verne Miller for a "ride." Miller, a former South Dakota sheriff who went wrong, was one of the most widely sought criminals in the United States. Charged against him was participation in the Kansas City Massacre on June 17, murder of a Chicago patrolman, and mail robbery.

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**MURDERER**

**RICHARD GALATAS (14)**

Richard Tallman Galatas, aliases: Dick Gladis, Prichard Sheridan; 43 years old; 5 fee., 9 1/4 inches; 155 pounds; slender build; dark chestnut hair, mixed gray; blue eyes; medium complexion. Past record: As No. 7973, Toledo, O.; No. 21-434, Los Angeles; No. 9091, Columbus, O.; No. 5283, Flint, Mich.

Wanted in connection with the slaying of four police officers in Kansas City, Mo., June 17, 1933.

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Wilbur Underhill, an escape from  
 Kansas State Penitentiary, wanted  
 for numerous bank robberies, mur-  
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His picture appeared in the Nov.,  
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### Rat Catching.

The machinery of law enforcement slips a cog now and again, and some desperate death deserving criminal goes long unhung. But if anyone concludes from this that justice has been kidnaped and the social order is helpless against gangs and their rackets let him take heart from the story whose latest chapter has been written in the capture and probable mortal wounding of Wilbur Underhill.

Beginning seven months ago there occurred in the southwest a series of events which constituted a sneering challenge to the forces of law and order. It began with the escape from the Kansas penitentiary of a group of hardened criminals, most of them serving time for bank robbery or murder. It was headed by Wilbur Underhill and Harvey Bailey. Two weeks later it was followed by an attempt to take Frank Nash, another southwest gangster, from federal officials at the union station in Kansas City. Nash and four police guards were killed. Underhill and Bailey were accessories to that crime. Later came the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel from his home at Oklahoma City. Bailey was one of the principals in that affair. In the meantime there had been numerous small bank robberies and holdups, all emphasizing the desperado's challenge to the southwest.

The southwest accepted the challenge. The federal government became its ally. Together they have mopped up. They have shown gangdom that the law is not impotent, that when it goes after its man in earnest it gets him dead or alive. Bailey is in prison for life, Underhill is in a hospital—bullet punctured like a sieve. The chances are he will be dead before these lines appear. All but one of the escaped Kansas prisoners are back in prison or under the sod. The Urschel kidnapers and their accomplices are doing their time at hard labor, some for life. The union station killers have all been rounded up or killed but one.

It has been a most inspiring spectacle of rat catching.

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## 6 CRIMES TOLD BY UNDERHILL

SHAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 31  
Wilbur Underhill's condition was described as unchanged shortly before midnight and physicians said the wounded bandit had a fair chance to live through the night.

SHAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 31 (U.P.).—Wilbur Underhill, slowly dying in a hospital with five bullet wounds, eased his conscience here today with admission of six bank robberies and was identified in another.

He steadfastly denied, however, any complicity in the Kansas City Union Station massacre.

Mrs. Eve Mae Nichols, Seminole beauty shop operator, wounded in the battle when Underhill was shot down, died early today.

His mother, Mrs. Armida Underhill, and his favorite sister, Dorothy Underhill, both of Kansas City, were at his bedside.

His wife remained in jail.

So did Raymond Row, former convict, who was shot in the shoulder.

Mrs. Nichols died without making any statement other than that she did not know Underhill, into whom a posse of Federal and city officers poured a fusillade of lead in a gun battle here early yesterday.

The notorious gunman ran 16 blocks through rain, bleeding and barefooted, in his underwear, to a downtown furniture store where he was taken into custody after the battle.

The robberies admitted by Underhill were at Galena, Baxter Springs, Clinton and Coalgate, Okla., and Stuttgart, Ark. He was identified in a robbery at Haskell, Okla.

Row, wounded convict, said Mrs. Nichols was shot down by officers as she ran from a room to get a doctor for him.

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## DEATH STALKS UNDERHILL

SHAWNEE, Okla., Jan. 1 (I.N.S.). — Willbur Underhill, southwestern desperado, whose banditry in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma caused him to be known as "The Tri-State Terror," was near death today from five bullet wounds received in a gun battle with officers.

Eva Mae Nichols—trapped with Underhill, Raymond Roe, alias Ralph Rowe; and Underhill's bride of two weeks, the former Hazel Hudson—died of gunshot wounds in the hospital here yesterday.

She was proprietor of a beauty shop at Seminole, 19 miles east of here, said by officers to have been used as a hideout by Underhill. She was divorced by her husband, Bert Eppler, a postal employe at Seminole, six months ago. He was at her bedside when she died.

Roe received a superficial wound in the gun battle. Underhill's bride was uninjured.

The dying bandit's mother, Alameda, and his sister, Dorothy, kept a vigil at his bedside today. They arrived here from Kansas City yesterday.

Underhill has been twice convicted of murder and has been identified with several bank robberies.

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## Underhill, Wounded Bandit, Fighting Grimly for His Life

Physicians Hold Little Hope for  
Recovery; Was Wounded Five  
Times When Captured

By United Press

SHAWNEE, Okla.—Wilbur Underhill, whose wanton slayings and robberies made him the Southwest's No. 1 public enemy, today lay at the point of death, but fighting grimly for his life.

Altho physicians said he had little chance of surviving five bullet wounds suffered when he was captured here Saturday, the gunman, in his moments of consciousness, vowed he would "pull thru."

### WIFE IN JAIL

The body of Eva Mae Nichols, beauty shop operator, who was shot when the officers raided Underhill's refuge, was sent to Seminole, Okla., for burial. She died yesterday of her wounds.

Underhill's wife, whom he married at Coalgate, Okla., less than a month ago, remained in jail here, as did Raymond Rowe, former convict, both of whom were captured in the raid.

### SEVEN BANK ROBBERIES

Underhill was positively connected with six bank robberies which occurred since he, Harvey Bailey and nine other convicts gained freedom in a bold escape from the Kansas state prison last May 30.

The robberies were at Galena and Baxter Springs, Kan.; Stuttgart, Ark., and Clinton, Maskell, Coalgate and Harrah, Okla.

Underhill admitted participating in all but the Haskell robbery. He denied he had a part in the Kansas City Union Station massacre.

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*Charleston, La. Mail*  
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## Underhill, Nearing Death, Confesses

SHAWNEE, Okla., Jan. 1 (AP).—Physicians predict death momentarily for Wilbur Underhill, southwestern desperado, as officers seek to obtain more information on the series of crimes in which they say he confessed implication.

Wounded five times in a gun battle with officers who raided his Shawnee bungalow hideout early Saturday, Underhill broke his silence Sunday and from his bed told R. H. Colvin, federal agent, of participation in robberies in Kentucky, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas. In a 2-hour operation, physicians removed some of the bullets.

Eva Mae Nichols, Seminole, Okla., beauty parlor operator who was in the Underhill house when officers came after the ex-convict, died yesterday of a bullet wound in her stomach. She and her companion, Raymond Roe, were wounded in the exchange of fire. Roe, released from the hospital, and Mrs. Hazel Underhill, the outlaw's 37-year-old bride, are in jail.

Although he admitted a long list of robberies, Underhill denied positively that he had a part in the union station killings of four officers and their convict prisoner, Frank Nash, in Kansas City last June 17 in an attempt to free Nash. He said he was in Oklahoma City then "taking care of a wound in Harvey Bailey's leg."

Bailey, also wanted for the Kansas City slayings, now is serving a life sentence for participation in the \$200,000 ransom abduction of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire. Bailey and Underhill were leaders of the escape of 11 convicts last Memorial day from the Kansas state prison. Only one of those who escaped still are at large.

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## Underhill, Dying, Admits Bank Raids

### Woman Dies From Wounds Received at Capture

Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 31 (AP).—Wilbur Underhill, clinging to life in a hospital with five bullet wounds, eased his conscience here today with admission of six bank robberies and was identified in another. He steadfastly denied, however, any complicity in the Kansas City Union Station massacre.

Hospital attendants, however, said there was a possibility the bandit might live through the night.

Mrs. Eva Mae Nichols, Seminole beauty shop operator, wounded in the battle when Underhill was shot, died early today.

Hazel Hudson Underhill, the bandit's bride, remained in jail. So did Raymond Row, former convict, shot in the shoulder.

The notorious gunman was co-leader with Harvey Bailey in the Kansas prison break last Memorial Day.

The six bank robberies were committed after he and Bailey and nine other desperadoes broke prison.

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# PAL OF UNDERHILL IS BLAMED IN SHOOTING

Band 'Shoots Up' Vian as De-  
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By United Press  
 VIAN, Okla., Jan. 1.—Several an-  
 noyed merchants bought new plate  
 glass for their establishments today  
 after a quiet sabbath was disturbed  
 by three desperadoes who "shot up"  
 the town.  
 One of the gunmen was tenta-  
 tively identified as Ford Brad-  
 shaw, notorious Cockson Hills out-  
 law. His act was interpreted by  
 officers as a gesture of defiance  
 after the capture of Wilbur Under-  
 hill, his pal.  
 The trio circled the business dis-  
 trict for several minutes, firing  
 shots into shops and spattering the  
 town jail with bullets. No one was  
 hurt. The bandits vanished in the  
 direction of Cockson Hills.  
 Bradshaw is known to have es-  
 tablished a fortress-like hideout in  
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 cently took refuge.

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## DEATH COMES TO UNDERHILL IN PRISON BED

Desperado Fails to Rally  
After Overland Trip  
To McAlester.

McALESTER, Jan. 6.—(Special).—Wilbur Underhill died in the state penitentiary at 11:45 p. m. Saturday, less than 12 hours after he was brought here in an ambulance from a Shawnee hospital.

The desperado was believed to have withstood the overland trip well, but Saturday night he began to sink and the many bullet wounds suffered just a week ago when officers shot him out of his Shawnee lair, finally took their toll. Prison physicians said the overland trip did not hasten the end.

### Rumors Prompt Move

Underhill was moved from Shawnee, where his vitality amazed physicians, on orders of the United States bureau of investigation in Washington. Rumors, borne out in part by mysterious developments at Shawnee, prompted officials to take no chance.

It became known Saturday that dozens of mysterious telephone calls, asking Underhill's condition and if he could be moved, had been received at the city hospital in Shawnee.

Federal officers on the ground were silent, but it also was learned that Underhill had asked a nurse what floor of the hospital he was on and "how far is it to the highway?"

### Condition Grows Better

A marked improvement in the outlaw's condition brought a quick decision Saturday to bring him to McAlester.

Without previous announcement, a McAlester ambulance reached Shawnee shortly before 9 a. m. Underhill was loaded on a stretcher and carried from the hospital. R. H. Colvin, in charge of the bureau of investigation at Oklahoma City, led ten federal agents and prison guards, carrying machine guns, into two other cars and the three machines slipped through town to the McAlester road.

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# DYING BANDIT ADMITS RAIDS ON SIX BANKS

Underhill Confesses As  
Death Claims Woman  
In Gun Fight

NO CHANCE FOR HIM

Doctors Say End Certain  
Recovered Bonds Found  
To Be Loot

Clinging tenaciously to life, Wilbur Underhill, southwestern desperado, broke his silence from his hospital bed in Shawnee Sunday and confessed to participation in six bank robberies in Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

The robberies to which Underhill confessed were:

Harrah First National bank, December 11, no money obtained. J. G. Smith, night watchman, kidnaped.

Coalgate, First National bank, December 12, \$4,000, five persons kidnaped.

Canton bank, July 8, amount not known.

Barter Springs, Kan., bank, in September, \$8,000.

Helena, Kan., bank, amount undetermined.

Stuttgart, Ark., bank, amount not known.

Woman Dies of Wounds

Eva Mae Nichols, Seminole beauty parlor operator, died early Sunday morning of a bullet wound in the stomach, suffered in the gun fight which led to Underhill's capture.

The trail of crime, the end of which was believed very near Sunday night for the "most wanted man in the United States," became more marked as citizens of Haskell positively identified the wounded man as one of the four machine gunners who robbed the bank in that city early in October.

A little later, the serial numbers on \$5,000 bonds which Underhill had in his possession when he was captured Saturday morning were checked against those stolen in Frankfort, Ky., and found to be part of the missing bonds.

With 12 bullets in his body, several in vital spots, Underhill made his statement to R. H. Colvin, federal agent in charge, who led the raid on the little white house in Shawnee.

Denies Mammals Only

Underhill declared positively he had no part in the Union station massacre of four federal officers and Frank Nash, perjured convict, in Kansas City last summer. Colvin said.

"When that job was pulled, I was in Oklahoma City with Harvey Bailey, taking care of that wound in his leg," Underhill said. He denied knowing any of those who wielded machine guns in the massacre.

Colvin Sunday was rechecking the bank robberies to determine if actual facts tallied with the statement the dying bandit made to him.

A long distance telephone call had been put through to Frankfort to determine the facts surrounding theft of the bonds. No report had been made Sunday night.

The bonds were in the following denominations: two \$1,000; six \$500, and three \$100.

Underhill was in the operating room for two hours early Sunday night and although physicians said his condition momentarily was good, it still is practically an impossibility for him to live.

Mother and Sister Arrive  
The bandit's mother and sister from Kansas City, Mo., arrived in Shawnee Sunday and were allowed an interview with him.

Officers said the mother, Mrs. Amanda Underhill, grief-stricken, sobbed, "My boy couldn't have done the things they said he did."

With Mrs. Underhill and the outlaw's sister, Dorothy, came Underhill's attorney, Clarence Sowers.

Underhill's room in the hospital is being closely guarded by federal agents equipped with machine guns. In spite of his condition, Colvin said, no chance is being taken of Underhill's friends or enemies reaching him.

The fugitive killer and bank robber told his 37-year-old bride, Hazel Hudson Underhill, "I don't think I can live." She was held in the Shawnee jail for questioning. Also held was Raymond Roe, wounded in the right shoulder by the officers' fusillade.

In Darkened Room

Mrs. Nichols and Roe were in a darkened room of the bungalow when the shooting began after Underhill fired at the officers when they demanded his surrender.

Underhill, clad only in underclothing, seized two pistols as Colvin called from a window outside the room: "Stick 'em up Wilbur."

He fired and machine guns retaliated. Bleeding from his wounds, he raced from the house and fled to a furniture store, where he was found later hiding in a bed. While armed with a pistol, he surrendered without resistance.

Underhill has been convicted of two murders and identified definitely with several bank robberies. He has escaped from the McAlester, Okla., prison and the Kansas State penitentiary, the last break being with two other convicts Memorial day.

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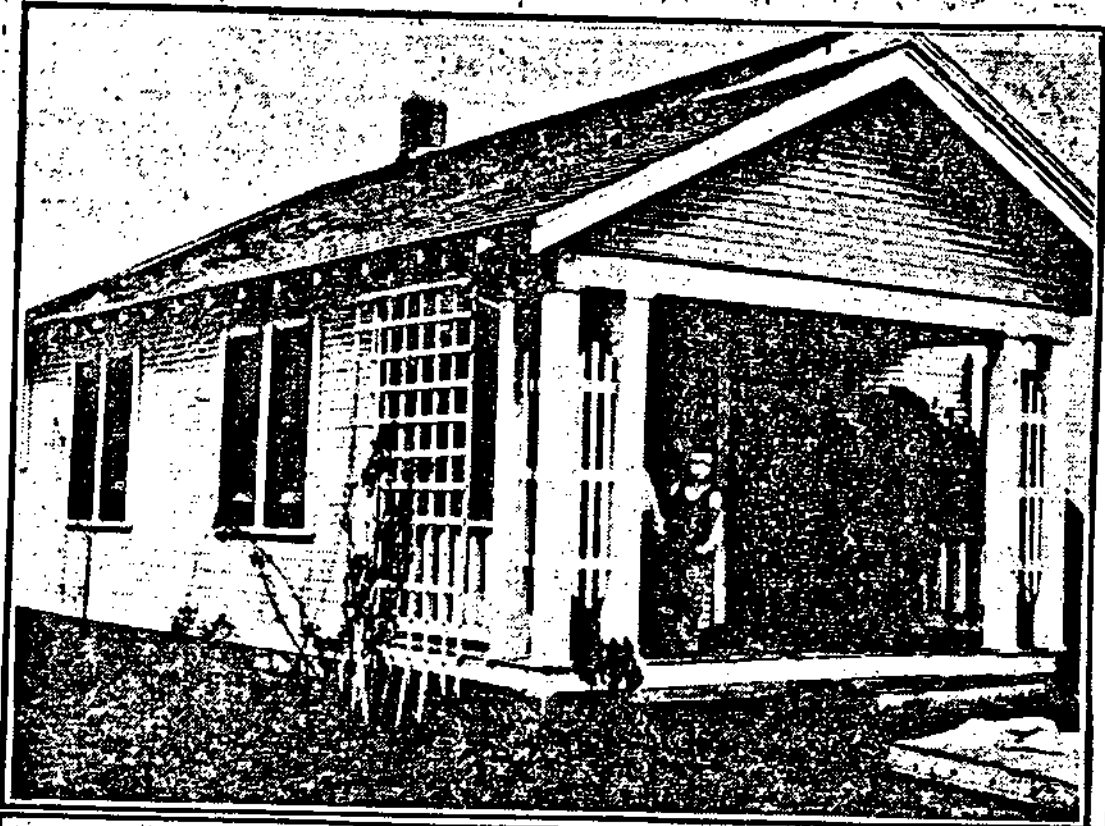
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Underhill, His Bride and Scene of Oklahoma Gun Battle



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Upper photo shows the house in Shawnee, Ok., where law enforcement officers last Saturday ran to earth Wilbur Underhill, known throughout the Southwest as the "Tri-State Terror." Underhill, an escaped convict and killer, was trailed to the house by officers who had been searching for him since his escape last Memorial day from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing. The officers' demand for his surrender was met with a voi-

The officers returned the fire and Underhill fled from the house with five bullet wounds in his body. He was caught later in a downtown store room where he had taken refuge. The bottom picture shows Mrs. Underhill, bride of a few weeks, in the city jail of Shawnee. She was the only person of the group in the house who was not wounded when the officers opened fire. Underhill, photographed as he lay wounded in a Shawnee hospital, is shown in the center picture.

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# **UNDERHILL HANGS ON**

*Wounded Bandit Is Not Any  
Worse.*

By United Press.

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## Underhill Losing His Fight for Life

### Outlaw Goes Under Knife to Remove Bullets.

Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 1 (AP).—Willie Underhill, notorious Southwest desperado who was wounded and captured by officers here Saturday, lay near death tonight. Physicians said his condition was growing "slowly worse."

Earlier in the day he had rallied following an operation, during which some of the bullets which struck him in the gunfight at his bungalow hideout were removed.

Underhill, one of the prisoners who escaped from the Kansas Penitentiary last Memorial Day, admitted yesterday he had participated in robberies in Kentucky, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma, said R. H. Colvin, Federal operative.

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# THESE GUNS RAPPED OUT "TATTOO"



**ENDED DESPERATE CAREER**—Left to right, E. H. Colvin, chief of U. S. Department of Justice agents at Oklahoma City, and his aides, Paul Hansen and E. D. Deaderich, shown with the machine guns which beat a staccato retribution on the body of Wilbur Underhill, Southwestern bad man. He lies near death in a hospital.



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**JAIL HOUSE HONEYMOON**—International News Photograph Service Mrs. Wilbur Underhill, whose honeymoon was ended when machine guns fired streams of lead into the Shawnee, Okla., bungalow where she and her husband had sought refuge. She is in jail.



*ny Daily News - 1-2-39*

# DYING DESPERADO UNDERHILL LAUGHS AT COPS



(By Associated Press)  
Mrs. Wilbur Underhill, wife of desperado, is being held by police who hope she may be able to tell them of his crimes.

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S. M. Quinn, chief of Oklahoma City Federal Bureau of Investigation; Paul Hansen and K. D. Deadrick, officers who captured Wilbur Underhill, Southwestern desperado, after fighting him with bullets. U. S. G. H. I. N. G. With officers who tried to get him to confess to further crimes, Wilbur Underhill, desperado, is not expected to live.

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**UNDERHILL NEAR DEATH.**  
*N.Y. Times* 1-2-34  
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Underhill admitted yesterday that he had participated in robberies in Kentucky, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma, said R. H. Colvin, Federal operative.

Eva Mae Nichols, Seminole beauty parlor operator, shot during the battle, was buried today.

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## Underhill Still Clinging to Life Despite Wounds

By United Press

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Tho he had been expected to die before daybreak, the gunman's condition remained about the same as it was late yesterday.

He was hit many times by machine and shotgun slugs as he fought and ran from officers who trapped him early Saturday at a rendezvous with his newly married wife.

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## UNDERHILL'S DEATH GUARD IS DOUBLED

Desperado, Critically Wounded,  
Clings to Life—U. S. Agent  
Quizzes Bride.

By the Associated Press.

SHAWNEE, Okla., January 2.—The guard over Wilbur Underhill was redoubled today as the Southwestern desperado clung to ebbing life.

No reason was given for the additional guard over the bank robber and killer who, physicians say, is dying.

Underhill's bride of a month and Raymond Roe, identified as the owner of a truck used in an attempted bank burglary at Harrah, Okla., were taken to Oklahoma City for questioning last night by R. H. Colvin, Federal agent.

Colvin, who led the raid which resulted in the capture of Underhill after a gunfight in which Eva Mae Nichols, beauty parlor operator, was wounded fatally, said Underhill had admitted the attempted burglary and robbery of banks in Kansas, Kentucky, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Roe was wounded in the shoulder in the raid on Miss Nichols' home, where the Kansas prison fugitive was surprised.

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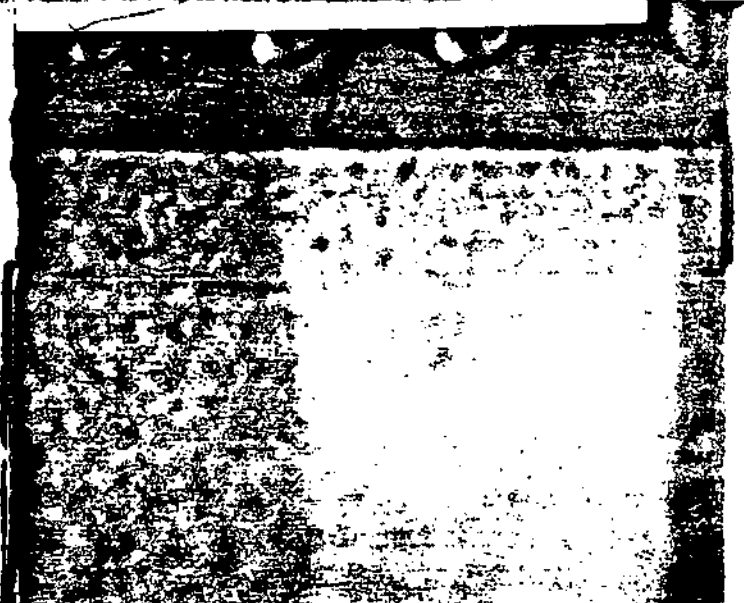


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### Underhill, Desperado, Fights Grimly for Life

Shawnee, Okla., Jan 3 (AP).—Wilbur Underhill, the "Tri-State Terror," continued tonight to make his boast "I will not die" despite his doctor's predictions.

Hospital attendants said the desperado, wounded five times in a gunfight preceding his capture, passed a crisis at 3 a. m. today and rallied slightly, but that his condition had taken a turn for the worse this afternoon. Physicians said he had no chance to survive.

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# Current News in Pictures

## THEY GOT THEIR MAN



THREE officers who led the pursuit of Wilbur Underhill, escaped Kansas killer and bank robber, shown with their weapons as they were photographed at Shawnee, Ok. The officers, left to right, are E. M. Colvin, head of the Bureau of Investigation at Oklahoma City, who led the posse; Paul Hanson and E. D. Denderick.

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## Unholy Boundary Lines

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But Uncle Sam's men on his trail said he would be captured. But so long as Floyd limits himself to violating state laws, the federal government must keep hands off.

State rights, local autonomy still have their place in the general scheme of things but certainly they should not be sustained to a point of aiding and abetting crime. And that's what is happening today.

Pretty Boy Floyd keeps moving. That's why he is free. He robs a bank in one county and moves to another and then eludes pursuit almost before it is started. For each county is a separate entity with its own sacred and extensive agencies enforcing the law.

The criminal knows, not recognizes boundaries. The lay does concept where a offense is committed against the federal government.

A man wanted for murder here in California. That's no secret. He could be apprehended in a few minutes returned here but for the cumbersome handiwork of our present extradition system. Our county officials know this man has powerful influence and money. He would fight extradition through the highest courts. And the county hasn't money to send a Deputy Sheriff and an

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He was captured a month ago. He became seriously ill about a year ago. Alexander died in a local hospital yesterday after a year's illness. Paul Guillan in the Hahn Chapel. Vices are conducted by the Rev. Cemetery after 2 p. m. funeral set buried today in Memorial Park. Charles J. Alexander, 66, state employee since statehood, was to be buried today in Memorial Park.

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**NOTHING** could possibly exceed the energy and zeal of the officer who hunted down Wilbur Underhill, perforated his epidermis with leaden bullets, and went the limit in trying to do him to death, unless it was the energy with which a battalion of medical men sought to cure his wounds and save his life. While the right thing was done in both instances, it does seem a little peculiar that one corps of public servants should work so heroically to save a man whom other public servants had tried so hard to kill.

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### UNDERHILL UNCHANGED

Physicians Continue to Doubt Out-  
law Will Recover

SHAWNEE, Okla., January 4 (AP).—  
Wilbur Underhill, Southwestern shot-  
ter here last Saturday, was conscious  
today and his condition seemingly  
little changed. Physicians continued to express  
doubt that he will live. Underhill is  
under guard at the City Hospital.

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# **UNDERHILL TO PRISON**

*Improved Condition Makes  
 Transfer Possible.*

By United Press.

SHAWNEE, OK., Jan. 6.—Wilbur Underhill, wounded tri-state killer, was moved to Oklahoma state prison at McAlester from the Shawnee city hospital where he had been expected to die. An unusual improvement in his condition made the transfer possible.

It was understood also that federal authorities feared comrades of Underhill might attempt to rescue him if he remained here.

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## UNDERHILL'S BODY BACK TO SCENE OF FIRST CRIMES

Tri-State Terror Began  
Career in Joplin 15  
Years Ago.

By United Press.

JOPLIN, MO., Jan. 2.—The body of Wilbur Underhill was brought here Monday for burial in the city where the "tri-state terror" began a sensational career of crime fifteen years ago.

The bandit's mother, Mrs. Almira Underhill, of Kansas City, accompanied the body here from the Oklahoma state prison at McAlester.

Underhill died in the prison Saturday night of bullet wounds suffered a week earlier when officers captured him at Shawnee.

The mother criticized officers for moving Underhill from Shawnee to the prison a few hours before his death. She said the move hastened his death. A report that underworld friends were planning to free the wounded gangster caused officers to transfer Underhill.

Mrs. Hazel Underhill, the outlaw's bride of two months, remained in jail at Oklahoma City, facing a charge of harboring a criminal. She was one of three persons captured with Underhill at Shawnee.

Underhill, suspected of killing many men and of perpetrating dozens of other crimes, was arrested here for the first time in his career in 1919. The offense was robbery, according to official records.

Arrangements for his funeral were incomplete.

MALESTER, OK., Jan. 2.—(UP)—True to gangster principles, Wilbur Underhill carried his secrets with him, making no statement before he died here at prison hospital near midnight Saturday.

A prison nurse was his only companion when he died.

He made no statement, despite repeated questioning by federal agents, regarding the bloody Kansas City Union station massacre last June 17, of which he was the suspected ringleader.

Underhill was believed to have been the man who said, "Hell, boy, let 'em have it." Chief of Police Otto Reed of McAlester, Frank Mack, convict, and two federal agents were slain in the murderous burst of machine gun fire which followed the order.

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# **Underhill Removal To Prison Ordered** *N.Y. Eve. Post 1/6/34* **Justice Department Acts on Re- port of Plot to Free Desperado**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP).—Transfer of Wilbur Underhill, co-leader of the Bailey-Underhill gang, from a Shawnee, Okla., hospital to the State prison at McAlester was ordered by the Department of Justice following receipt of rumors that gangsters were planning an attempt to free him.

The transfer was ordered by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation. Preparations for the move were made several days ago, but it was delayed on advice of surgeons who said the transfer at that time might be fatal.

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